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No Agreement Reached, No Decision Taken MOSCOW'S DEMANDS STILL A MYSTERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

WHILE THE SOVIET peace conditions to Finland remain a mystery, some sources state that Moscow has reduced its original demands in a desire to reach a speedy agreement before the Spring thaw.

A Swedish source indicates that the Soviets are no longer demanding Viborg and would be satisfied if the new Soviet-Finno border went from Lake Ladoga to Vuoksenen through the Mannerheim Line to the end of the Lake region, then along the present Soviet-Finnish lines until reaching a point between Summa and Viborg.

A part of the Mannerheim Line would remain in Finnish hands.

The Russians are also said to have modified their demands as regards Petsamo and Hangoe.

GERMAN DISPUTE WITH JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

It is learnt that the Japanese shipping companies are still refusing to ship German goods to Chinese ports.

The German Embassy in Tokyo has protested to the Japanese Foreign Office, with what result it is not known.—Havas.

ARIADNE MOLLER PASSENGERS AND VESSEL NOW SAFE

Shanghai, To-day.

Fears for the safety of the passengers and crew of the Ariadne Moller, which went aground near Wenchow on Sunday night, were set at rest by a statement here by the owners, Mollers Ltd., that the vessel has been refloated and is proceeding to Shanghai under her own steam. There were no casualties.

The ship was on the way from Wenchow to Shanghai and was only a short distance from Wenchow when she went aground at about 10.30 p.m. Captain Miller, the British Master,

SIGNIFICANT APPROACH

Some commentators point out that the Russians fear that a prolongation of the Finnish war would result in the Reich gaining a foothold in the Baltic States.

Russia has not requested German mediation because it is feared the price would be too high and the fact that Moscow approached London is considered highly significant.

The part that Mr. Steinhardt, U. S. Ambassador to Moscow, is playing in the talks is also considered indicative of the Soviet's reluctance to ask Germany to participate in such talks.—Havas.

Still In The Balance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

FROM MOSCOW COMES NEWS THAT FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV AGAIN RECEIVED THE FINNISH DELEGATION YESTERDAY, BUT SO FAR NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AND NO DECISION TAKEN, AND THE QUESTION OF PEACE AND WAR IS STILL IN THE BALANCE.

The most important questions are said to be:

1. The ownership of the railway from Viborg north-eastwards towards the Soviet border;
2. The political and military regime of the future; and
3. The ownership of the Hangoe peninsula.—Havas.

SVINHUFVUD TO SEE MUSSOLINI

London, To-day.

Mr. Svinhufvud, the Finnish ex-President, is reported to have left Berlin for Rome, where he will see Signor Mussolini.—Reuter.

Immediately wireless for help, the call being picked up by the R.C.A. radio station at Manila, which reported that 200 passengers had taken to the lifeboats.

A wireless report received by Moller's yesterday stated the ship was refloated at 8.15 and if the weather remained fine they would be able to make Shanghai without the assistance of the tug which was sent to render aid.—Reuter.

ROME TALKS

NAZI PAPER TALKS OF THE FUTURE

Berlin, To-day.

The first German comment on the Ribbentrop visit to Rome goes further than the official communique released in Rome on the talks between the Nazi Foreign Minister and Signor Mussolini.

The German comment appears in Field-Marshal Goering's newspaper, the "Essener National Zeitung," which, after referring to the cordiality of the talks, declares: "The future will be decided by the young nations."

The Rome talks, the journal says, concerned the future attitude of Germany and Italy, and "were a sign of German-Italian comradeship."

Meanwhile, in Rome, the radio announcement that Italy's attitude towards the war remained unchanged, was repeated twice.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

RUSSIAN DEMANDS NOT ACCEPTED

Helsinki, To-day.

M. Tanner, the Finnish Foreign Minister, declared last night that the peace negotiations in Moscow are still continuing, and that the Finnish delegation was still in the Soviet capital.

M. Tanner added emphatically: "We have not accepted the Russian terms," the statement disposing of widespread rumours that Finland has already climbed down to the Soviet.

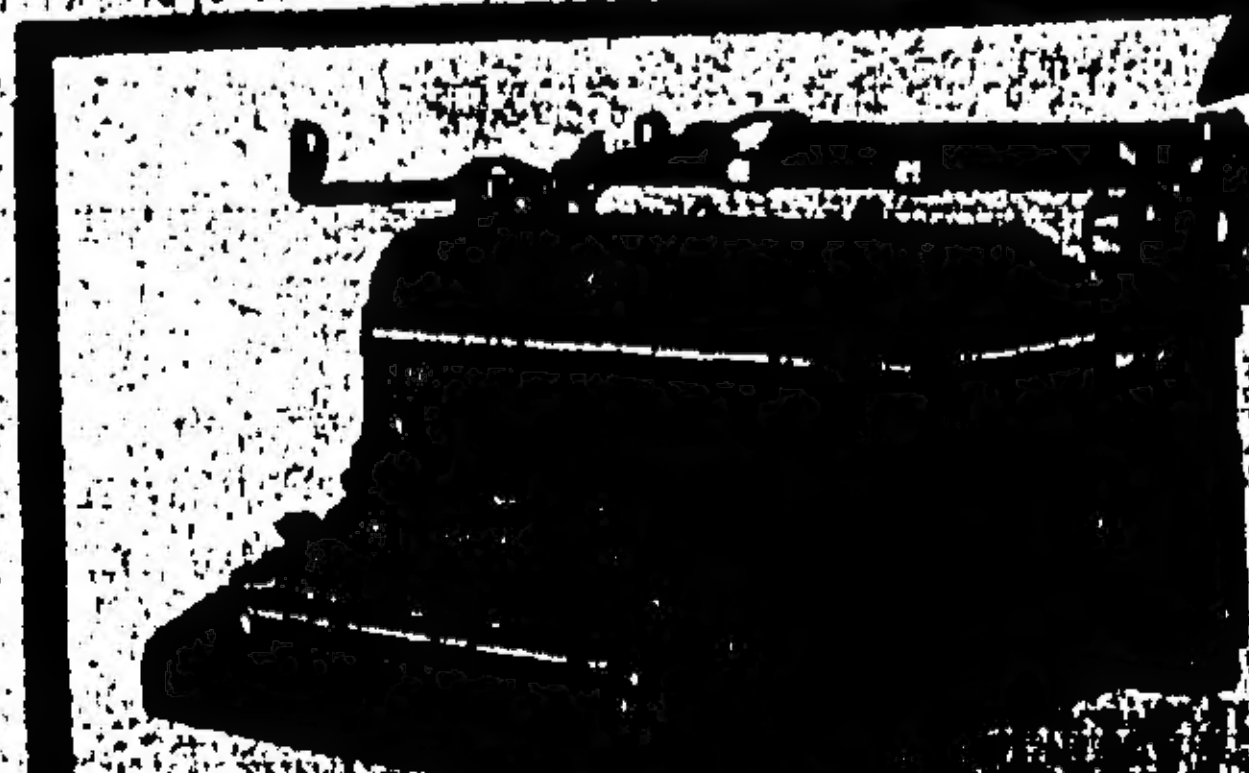
M. Tanner revealed that the Finnish delegation had a long talk in Moscow yesterday with M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, but declined to reveal what passed at the meeting.—Reuter.

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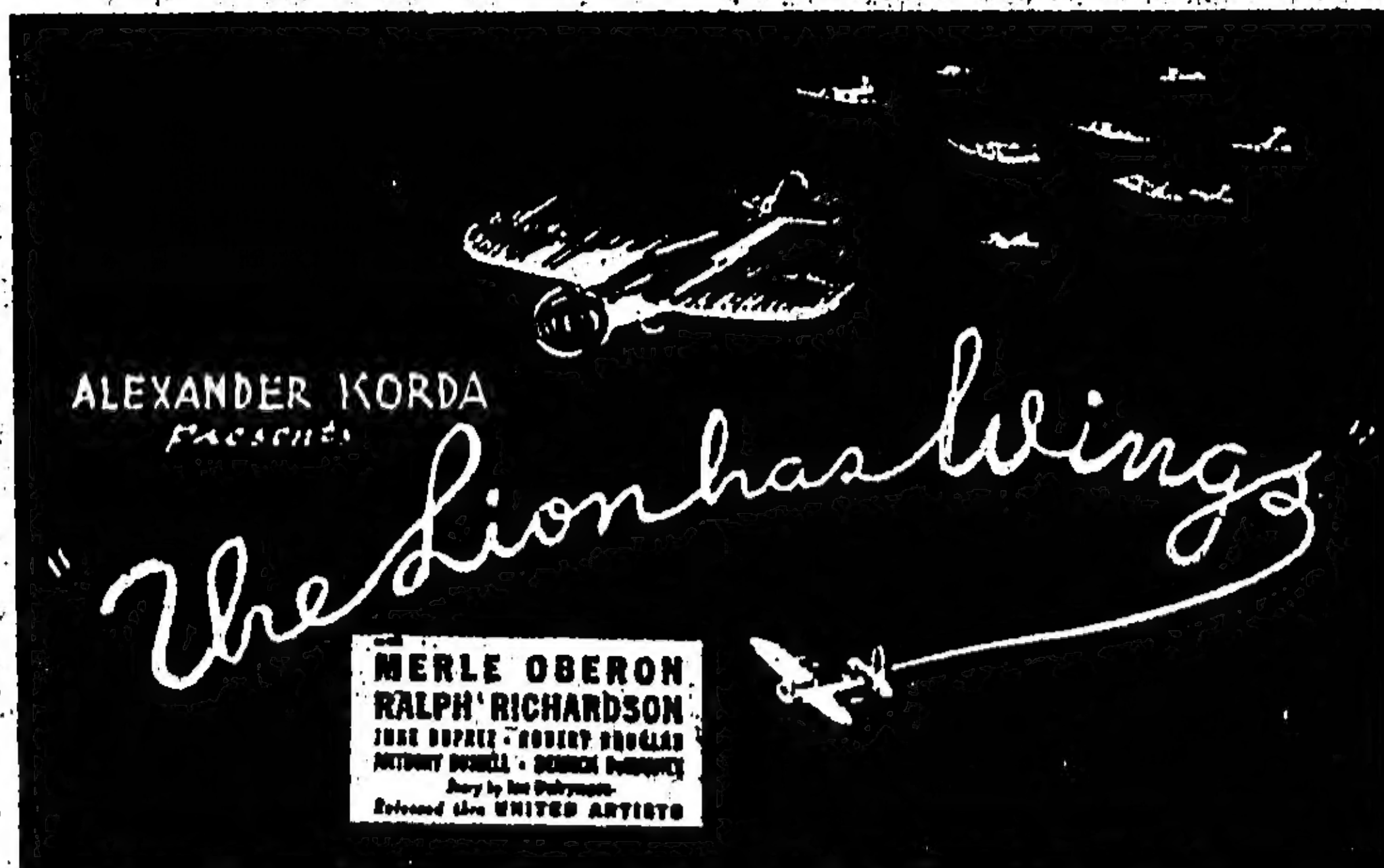
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RETICENT SUMNER WELLES AT NO. 10

London, To-day.
MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, drove to the American Embassy yesterday morning, and received the press at noon. He smiled at his own reticence in answering questions by over 100 journalists, and emphasised he was in Europe on a fact-finding tour in order to report to President Roosevelt.

Secondly, any views given him by members to governments he had seen were absolutely consolutely confidential and solely for Mr. Roosevelt.

NO PROPOSALS

He added: "I have no proposals to make and no commitments to offer in the name of my Government."

The Welles saw Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, in the afternoon, and the afterwards received by the King.

Early in the evening he saw the Prime Minister and at night dined with Lord Halifax.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

REPORT DENIED

London, To-day.

Questioned at a press reception about a report that he had previously told friends that the Allies would find it difficult to defeat Germany, Mr. Sumner Welles emphatically stated he had never expressed such views to anybody.

In reply to other questions, Mr. Welles denied that he had any proposals to make or any comment to offer on behalf of his Government, and insisted on the fact that he was in Europe solely to gather information.

He added that he would leave London on Thursday for Paris and Rome and that he was expecting to see Signor Mussolini again.

According to present plans, Mr. Welles would leave Naples on March 19 for the United States.—Havas.

HOOR AT F. O.

London, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles spent a hour at

ANGLO-NORWEGIAN AGREEMENT

London, To-day.

An Anglo-Norwegian trade agreement signed yesterday enables Anglo-Norwegian trade to continue as nearly as normally as the war permits.

A joint standing commission is to be established which will meet from time to time in London or Oslo to examine questions arising from operation of the agreement.—Reuter.

the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon, and when he left, Lord Halifax came to the entrance to see him off. Mr. Welles and Mr. Kennedy then drove to Buckingham Palace where they were received by the King.

Afterwards they had tea with Their Majesties.—Reuter.

AT NO. 10

London, To-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles, accompanied by Mr. Kennedy, saw the Prime Minister and Lord Halifax in the Cabinet Room at No. 10, Downing Street yesterday evening.—Reuter.

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WANG REGIME AS FAR OFF AS EVER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

WHILE CIRCLES CLOSE to Wang Ching-wei state that the fresh postponement of the new "government" to the middle of April was due to last-minute arrangements not being completed, political observers believe the formation is not due for several months although a big conference is being held in Nanking this month.

Reasons for the postponement, these circles believe, are manifold.

It is recalled that Wang Ching-wei previously promised the Chinese people that the Japanese troops would be withdrawn when he came to power.

While Japanese circles are willing, the question arises what would happen if these troops were withdrawn in view of the maintenance of peace and order.

TRAINING ARMY

Wang some months ago established a military academy for training officers, and men for his army, but their number is very small so far.

It is believed here that six months will be required for the inauguration of the "government" as the training of Wang's troops will require at least that period.—Our Own Correspondent.

DRUG ADDICTS WARNED

Shanghai, To-day.

All opium addicts, irrespective of age, are required to be completely cured of their drug habit on or before the time limit set for this year under the six-year opium suppression campaign, according to a new order issued by the Executive Yuan, says the "Shun Pao."

The Ministry of Interior, the report adds, has been instructed by the Executive Yuan to enforce the measures and no extension of the time-limit will be allowed.—Reuter.

MACAO CLASH

CUSTOMS CRUISER INVOLVED

MACAO, TO-DAY.

IT IS NOW LEARNED THAT A PORTUGUESE PATROL BOAT WAS ENGAGED WITH A CHINESE CUSTOMS PREVENTIVE CRUISER YESTERDAY AND NOT WITH ARMED PIRATES AS PREVIOUSLY RUMORED.

Two Chinese Customs officers are seriously wounded, one woman-searcher dead, and four officers arrested, according to latest reports.

The cruiser is beached off Wanchai Island with the Portuguese patrol boat standing guard.

It is understood that the Chinese boat approached Portuguese waters with the intention of searching two cargo junks, alleged to have smuggled wolfram ore on board. The alleged smugglers are said to have fired on the cruiser which the Portuguese patrol boat mistook for a pirate craft as the Chinese boat failed to answer when challenged by the Portuguese vessel.

Local authorities are reluctant to give any statement on the incident, which it is believed will be taken up by the Chinese authorities with the Portuguese government.—Our Own Correspondent.

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NEW ANGLE ON ITALIAN VISIT OF RIBBENTROP

Preparing Peace Plan For Sumner Welles

HITLER ON THE TELEPHONE WITH VON RIBBENTROP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

A NEW ANGLE ON THE Rome visit of Nazi Foreign Minister Ribbentrop is suggested by the Copenhagen correspondent of the "Daily Sketch," who bases his remarks on reports and views held there.

The visit, says the correspondent, is not intended to try and bring Italy into the war, especially since her geographical position makes defence difficult.

Rather, it is to establish peace proposals which can be ready in Rome when Mr. Sumner Welles returns there on his way back to New York. The German idea, apparently—says the correspondent—that by putting forward proposals after talking about peace Germany will be placed on a better footing.

The Germans, says the correspondent, also hope that the Finnish-Russian war will be "ironed out" in a way or two and, that, consequently, there will be a change in the British and French Governments.

NAZI FEARS

Finally, the correspondent says that the Germans are not anxious to see relations with Italy grow less and less close, nor do they like to see that country strengthen its trade bonds with the Allies, fearing that such a move might change Italy's present "benevolent neutrality" to Germany into "real neutrality."—Reuter.

PEACE PLAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day. According to the Budapest correspondent of the "Berliner Tidende," reports are current there that Mussolini, Ciano and Ribbentrop are working on a peace plan in Rome.—Havas.

HUNGARIAN REPORT

Copenhagen, To-day.

A Copenhagen newspaper reports from Budapest that Ribbentrop, Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano are working on a peace plan which will be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles when he calls at Rome en route to America.

Source of the report is described as Hungarian political circles in close contact with Count Ciano.—Reuter.

POPE'S PROTEST

Rome, To-day.

NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER JOACHIM RIBBENTROP WAS RECEIVED BY THE POPE YESTERDAY MORNING, THE INTERVIEW LASTING FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS.

It is reported that the Pope used the occasion to repeat his protest against the persecution of Catholics in territories annexed by Germany and in the Reich itself.

Later, Ribbentrop conferred with the Papal Secretary of State for about an hour.—Reuter.

NAZI SMILES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

Ribbentrop went to see the Pope accompanied by eight aides—includ-

GERMAN PRISONERS OF WAR

London, To-day.

The number of German prisoners of war now in British internment camps is over 1,500. Combatant prisoners total 257, while there are 1,271 merchant seamen.

Announcing this, a War Office spokesman said that the German prisoners were now given the opportunity of listening to the BBC programmes in German.—Reuter.

ing economic expert Dr. Clodius—all in Nazi uniform.

When Ribbentrop came out from his audience with the Pope, he was smiling broadly.—Havas.

AUDIENCE DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

RIBBENTROP WAS TO LEAVE ROME LAST NIGHT, FOLLOWING THE DINNER GIVEN IN HIS HONOUR BY COUNT CIANO.

A usually reliable Vatican news source informed Havas that the Pope's audience was granted to Ribbentrop as a result of a formal demand by the Reich.

The talk did not disclose any change in the Nazi attitude to the Catholics nor in the Vatican's attitude to Nazi persecutions, especially in Poland, this source stated.—Havas.

INTERVIEW WITH MUSSOLINI

Rome, To-day.

After a brief interview with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, saw Signor Mussolini at 7 p.m. yesterday.

Count Ciano was also present at this meeting which lasted 85 minutes.—Reuter.

IN TOUCH WITH THE BOSS

Amsterdam, To-day.

Ribbentrop had a series of telephone talks with Hitler on Sunday night and yesterday owing to the constant need for fresh instructions to keep pace with the rapidly developing situation.

In Rome, an official communique issued after Ribbentrop's second talk with Signor Mussolini, at which Ambassador von Mackensen and Count Ciano were present, says the talk was cordial and lasted an hour and a half.

"It was concerned with the international situation and was conducted in the spirit and framework of the pact of alliance and agreements existing between Italy and Germany."

Ribbentrop left for Berlin at 9.22 p.m. (G.M.T.)—Reuter.

RIBBENTROP FEELS UNWELL

London, To-day.

All Ribbentrop's suite except Dr. Clodius, the economic expert, left with him. Dr. Clodius is remaining in Rome. A Paris report says that after his audience with the Pope, Ribbentrop felt indisposed and was obliged to sit down for a short time.

The Rome radio announcer, in the English bulletin, stated no sudden change was likely to be made in the attitude of the Italian Government as a result of Ribbentrop's visit.

TREND UNCHANGED

The announcer added that Italy's attitude was clearly defined by Count Ciano in his speech on Dec. 16.

Importance of the visit lay in the fact that problems of present day Europe were lengthily re-examined and fully probed. The trend of German-Italian relations and obligations remained unchanged.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE TOWARDS CATHOLICS

PARIS, TO-DAY.

RIBBENTROP'S VISIT TO THE POPE DOES NOT MEAN THAT GERMANY HAS CHANGED HER ATTITUDE REGARDING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, STATED A PERSONALITY IN VATICAN CITY TO THE HAVAS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT.

He added it makes no difference to the Vatican protests concerning German persecution of the Church, especially in Poland.

It is further stated that Ribbentrop visited the Pope to pay homage to the spiritual power of the Holy See and the Pope took the opportunity to make protests rendered necessary in present circumstances.—Reuter.

SHARP ENCOUNTERS ON WESTERN FRONT

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French communique said there were fairly sharp local encounters to the south-east of the Nied River. There was artillery firing in the region of the Vosges.

Activity of the air forces was continued.—Reuter.

AUSTRALIAN COAL STRIKE

Melbourne, To-day.

Country railway services are being drastically cut, suburban electric trains halved and cheap Sunday excursions discontinued, as a result of the coal strike which began yesterday.

Heavier curtailments after Easter are being forecast.—Reuter.

FINANCIAL WIZARD BACK IN HARNESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin, To-day.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, ex-Reichsbank President, is planning on a visit to Bucharest next week to see what can be done about speeding up Rumanian oil deliveries already purchased and to try and negotiate for more oil.—Havas.

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ALLIED OIL SUPPLIES SUFFICIENT

London, To-day.
According to the current number of the oil industry's journal "Petroleum Press Service" the position of the Allies in respect of oil tankers is evidently highly satisfactory.

This journal says: "At the beginning of the war the British Empire and France possessed a combined tanker tonnage of 3,580,000 tons, excluding vessels in Government hands, which may have accounted for a further 500,000 tons. The carrying capacity of this fleet of tankers was between 5 and 6 million tons of oil and on a conservative assumption of six round trips yearly these vessels would be sufficient for the transport of well over 30 million tons per year against a normal consumption for the two countries of less than 20 million tons annually.

The carrying capacity of the Allied tanker fleet has, of course, been reduced by some losses since war began. But, on the other hand, new tanker construction has been greatly accelerated and the Allied fleet has been augmented by the chartering of neutral ships.

In this connection it may be pointed out that Norway and Holland possess a tanker tonnage of 2,117,000 and 557,600 gross tons, only a small part of which is required for their own trade.

There can thus be no doubt about the adequacy of Allied oil supplies during the first six months of war. When it is also recalled that considerable stocks of oil were accumulated in Britain and France before the war began, it will be apparent that there is no reason to suppose their oil supplies will fall short of their future requirements.

NAZI PROPAGANDA FALSITY

German propaganda has recently attempted to imply that the position of the Allies with regard to tankers is becoming serious. It has been alleged, for instance, that a tenth of the British tanker fleet has been sunk. Even if this were true, the facts cited above show that the Allied position would be far from serious.

The figure given by the Germans, however, is authoritatively stated to be a gross exaggeration, which bears no resemblance to the truth.

Observers in London regard this as yet another example of the German propaganda device of concealing home anxieties by falsely imputing the same anxieties to the Allies.—British Wireless.

IMPORTANCE OF EXPORTS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE EXPORT TRADE IN AN ADDRESS YESTERDAY TO THE BIRMINGHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MEETINGS HE IS ADDRESSING IN INDUSTRIAL CENTRES.

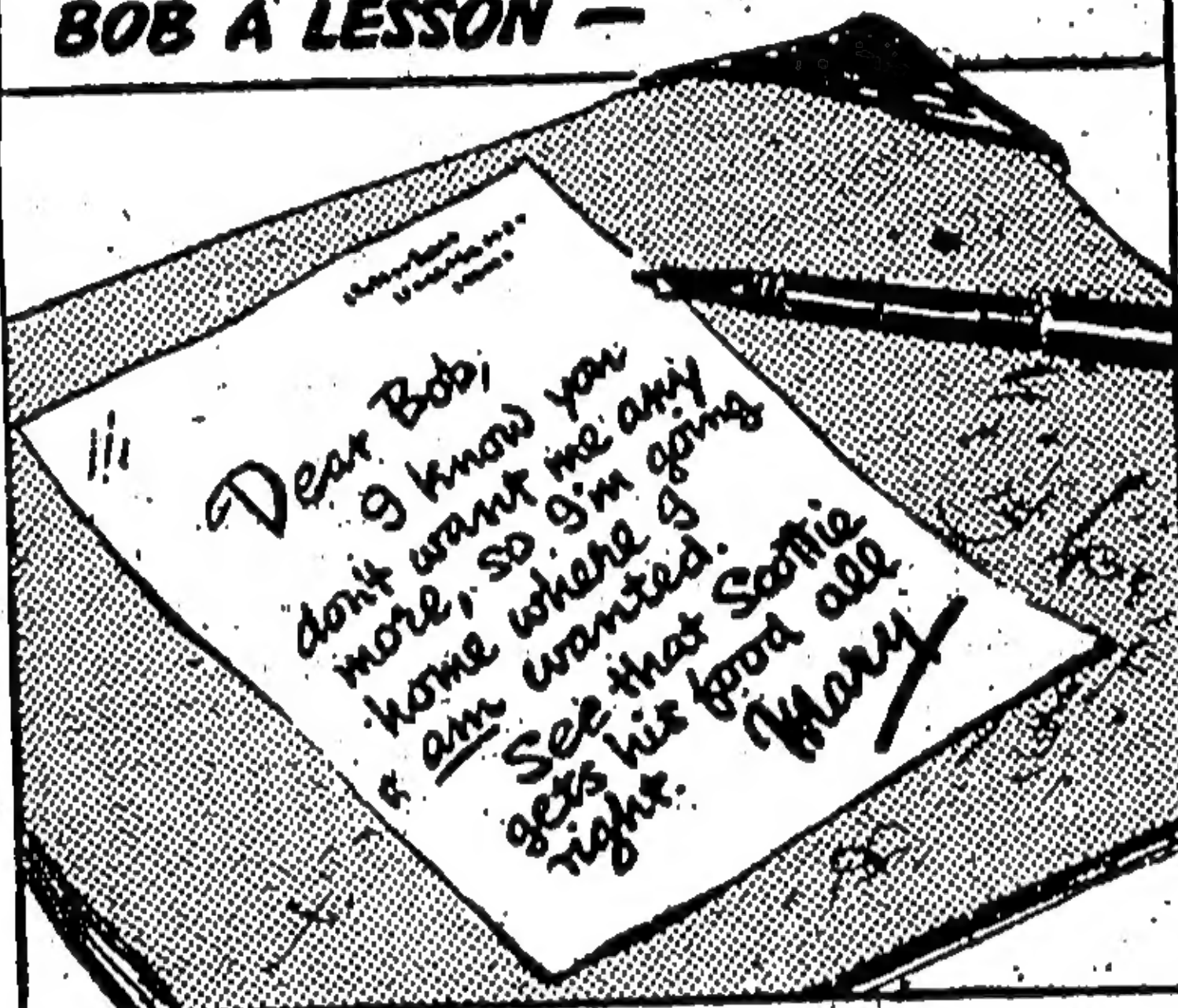
Sir Andrew Duncan said he realized the overwhelming importance of expansion of Britain's export trade in a long war and the government was ready to accept the challenge to the nation's organizing power. It was to the executive committee of the recently constituted Export Council, which included export representatives from various Governments concerned with economic matters, that the Government looked in the question of organizing for export.

The Minister stated there had been a gratifying response to the proposal to establish export groups in individual industries.—British Wireless.

LONELY WIFE—even on SATURDAY AFTERNOONS



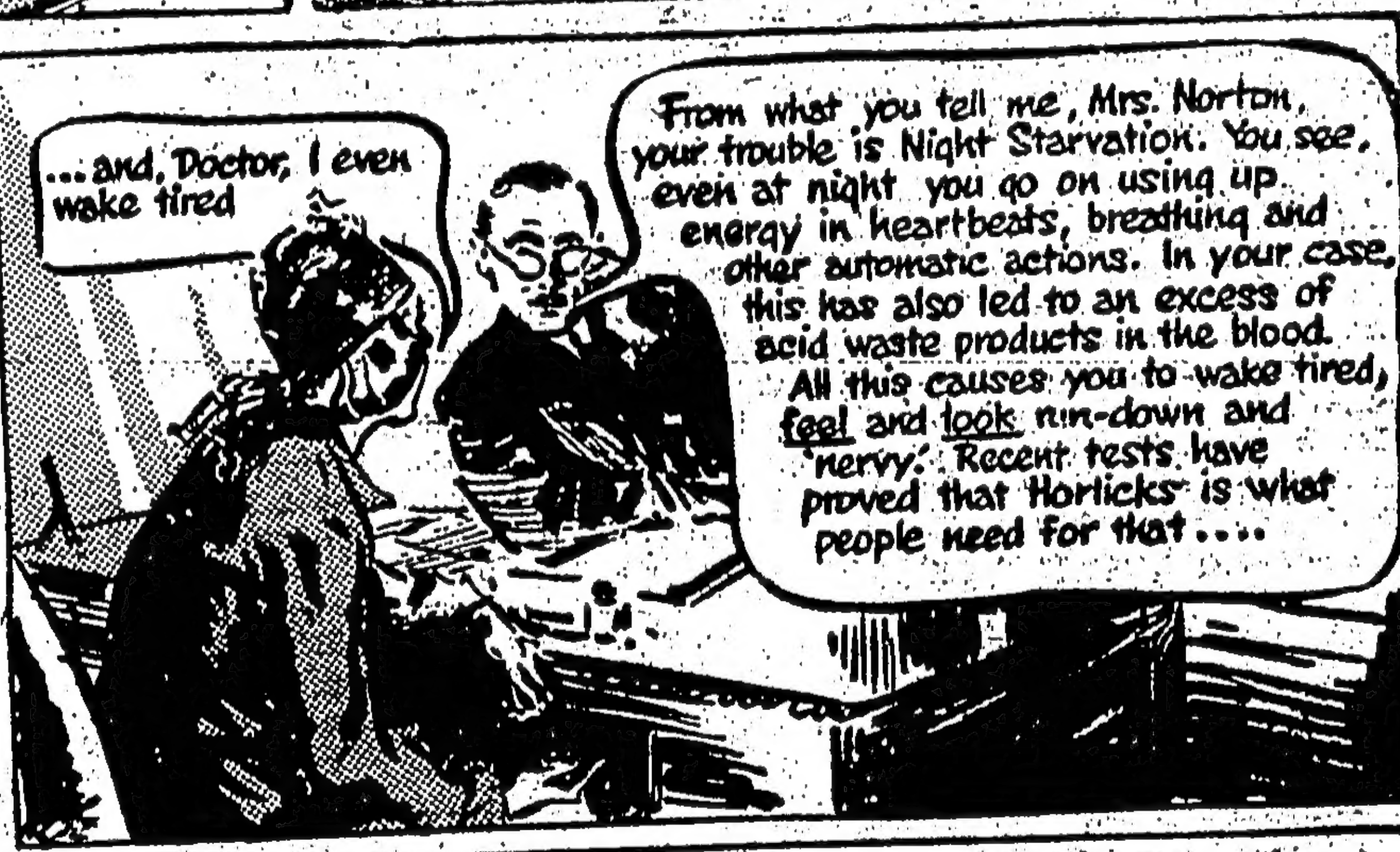
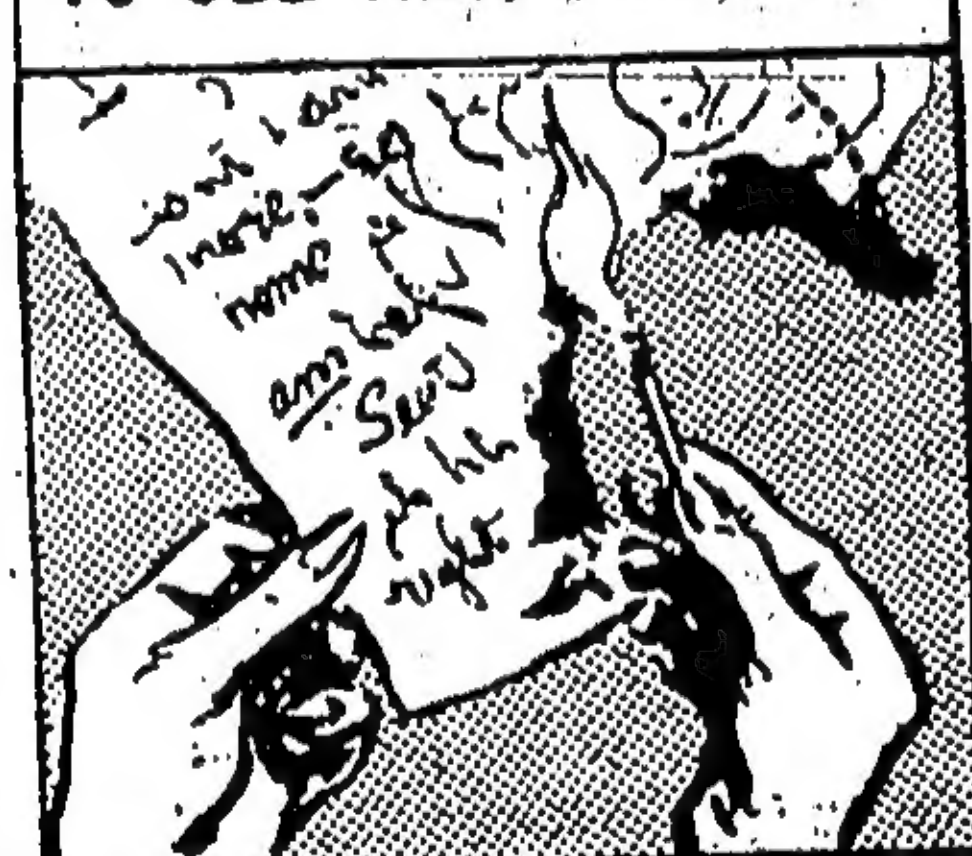
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"Not Gone As Far As War With Russia Yet" Allies Give Finland Card To Play Against The Soviet BUT NO APPEAL FOR HELP YET MADE BY FINLAND

London, To-day.

WHEN MR. CHAMBERLAIN announced in the House of Commons yesterday the Allied desire to give all the help the Allies could to Finland, he was asked by a Labour member if this was "not tantamount to our going to war with Russia?" Mr. Chamberlain replied:—"It has not gone as far as that yet."

Earlier, Mr. C. Attlee had asked for a statement on the peace negotiations between Finland and Russia. Mr. Chamberlain began by saying that the British and French Governments were continuing to send valuable material assistance to Finland.

He went on that the Allies had informed the Finnish Government that they are prepared in response to an appeal for further aid to proceed immediately and jointly to the help of Finland with all the resources at their disposal.

In reply to another question, the Prime Minister made it clear that any aid would be sent in fulfilment of obligations under the Covenant of the League. It was then that the question about "going to war with Russia" was asked.

Mr. Chamberlain said it was not true to say that the British Government had been asked to mediate in the war, but on one occasion the Soviet Ambassador mentioned certain terms which his government was prepared to offer Finland; the British Government did not feel able to pass these terms on to Finland.

NO APPEAL YET

Following the Commons debate on Russia and Finland, the following communique was issued from 10, Downing Street:—

"As there appears to be some misunderstanding about the reply given by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons to-day on the subject of Allied aid to Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government."

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MAISKY OFFER

London, To-day.

Replying to supplementaries, Mr. Chamberlain said it would be untrue to say the British Government had been asked to mediate but there was an occasion on which Mr. Maisky, the Soviet Ambassador, had mentioned certain terms which the Russian Government was prepared to offer Finland, and the British Government did not feel able to pass these terms to Finland.

Mr. Chamberlain told Mr. Attlee (Labour Opposition leader) that any aid sent to Finland would be "in accordance with our obligations under the League Covenant."

"As to co-operation with others, I have already mentioned France in association with ourselves. Of course I cannot say what other states might feel bound to do."

"NOT-YET"

Mr. David Kirkwood (Opposition Labour): "Is not this tantamount to our going to war with Russia?"

Mr. Chamberlain: "It has not gone as far as that yet."

Asked if the Government was prepared to send troops to Finland and, if so, were they prepared to violate the neutrality of Norway in doing so, Mr. Chamberlain said he could not add anything to the statement he had made.—Reuter.

REUTER'S INTERPRETATION

London, To-day.

Reuter's lobby correspondent says the interpretation to be placed on Mr. Chamberlain's statement on Finland is that British and French help will be forthcoming if it is asked for.—Reuter.

Next Move Up To Finland.

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain's announcement has aroused intense interest in France, where its importance is fully realised. It is felt here that the Allies have given Finland a strong card to play in her negotiations with Russia, and the next move, which lies with Finland, is eagerly awaited.

"HANNOVER" SEAMEN IN DOMINICA

London, To-day.

Forty-seven seamen from the scuttled Nazi steamer "Hannover" have arrived at Santo Domingo, according to the New York radio.

The captain of the vessel stated that 55 of the crew were probably captured by a British warship.—Reuter.

It is stated in well-informed Finnish circles in Paris that hitherto Finland has made no fresh appeal to the Allies.

French political circles believe that the present week, with Finland's decision and the end of Mr. Sumner Welles' mission, may well prove one of the most decisive since the war started.—Reuter.

COMMUNIQUE FROM NO. 10

London, To-day.

A statement issued from No. 10, Downing Street says as there appears to be a misunderstanding about the reply given by the Prime Minister to a private notice question addressed to him by Mr. Attlee in the House of Commons on the subject of Allied aid to Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government.—Reuter.

WANG LEAVES SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

REPORTS WIDELY CIRCULATED IN THE CITY LAST NIGHT STATES THAT WANG CHING-WEI LEFT ON BOARD A JAPANESE WARSHIP FOR NANKING YESTERDAY.

It is added that the ship was conveyed by several other Japanese gunboats.

Wang's henchmen, however, deny the report.

It is said that Wang proceeded to Nanking for the inauguration of the "Central Kuomintang Government."—Reuter.

RED CROSS FUND OVER £1,000,000

London, To-day.

In memory of his father, the late Mr. Andrew Mellon, former American Ambassador to London, Mr. Paul Mellon has sent a gift of £5,500 for the purchase of a fleet of 10 Red Cross ambulances, to the Lord Mayor's London Red Cross Fund which now totals £1,211,000.—Reuter.

ITALY TO BUY COAL IN YUGO-SLAVIA

Paris, To-day.

Italy has ordered 200,000 tons of coal from Yugo-Slavia to the end of May according to a Rome despatch to the German news Agency.—Reuter.



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Soviet Time Limit To Expire To-Day

FINNISH SENTIMENT HARDENS: PEACE TALK PREMATURE: 'WILL NOT GIVE UP INDEPENDENCE'

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT is reported to have set a time limit, expiring to-day, on the peace negotiations, reports a correspondent in Stockholm. Marshal Voroshilov is taking an active part in the talks, it is learned.

The Stockholm Conservative paper "Aftonbladet" reports that the Finnish "peace delegation" left Moscow yesterday morning, taking with it definite Soviet peace terms. The paper understands that the Russians have given up their claims to the important port of Hangoe and are now centering their attention on a small island off the Hangoe peninsula.

The "Aftonbladet" reports that the Foreign Affairs section of the Finnish Parliament is already aware of the content of the Soviet terms and are willing to accept them.

Finnish sentiment against the acceptance of the Soviet peace proposals hardened yesterday, as informed quarters in Helsinki intimated that Finland would continue to fight rather than give up her independence.

One quarter said that if Russia makes demands exceeding those of last autumn, there will be no peace. "Finland cannot, and will not, give up her independence."

No less than 620 foreign planes are now flying in the Finnish air force, this quarter pointed out, and this proves that help for Finland can be obtained.

LEBENSRAUM AGAIN

The Finnish authorities are reported to be noting with interest an article in a Scandinavian paper claiming that the most important angle of the Moscow negotiations lies in an attempt to link Finland in a Russo-German lebensraum ("living space") drive!—Havas.

DIFFERENT TERMS?

Stockholm, To-day.

Reports in diplomatic circles suggest that the terms of any settlement are likely to differ somewhat from those originally reported.

A very strict censorship is now being imposed in Finland and no word of the rumoured peace conditions has been allowed to leak out.—Reuter.

IN U.S. EMBASSY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Russo-Finnish talks are being held in the U. S. Embassy in Moscow, reports the Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Mail."—Havas.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

Helsinki, To-day.

Contradicting earlier rumours, M. Tanner, Finnish Foreign Minister, told Reuter's correspondent that the Finnish delegation is still in Moscow and that Finland has not accepted the Soviet terms.

The negotiations are still going on, he said.—Reuter.

SOVIET ABUSE

Moscow, To-day.

Even while the peace talks were going on, the Soviet radio was filling the air with abuse against the Finns, its bitterest attacks being against the Soviet's present guest, M. Rytö, leader of the Finnish delegation.

The Moscow papers give little mention to the talks and instead are filling their columns with the celebrations of Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov's 50th birthday.—Reuter.

BERLIN CALL

Berlin, To-day.

M. Svinhufvud, Finn Ex-President, yesterday called on the Nazi Under-Secretary of State at the Wilhelmstrasse.—Reuter.

CRITICISM OF SWEDEN

Paris, To-day.

The statement over the Swedish Radio evoked pointed comment in French diplomatic quarters where it is stressed that Germany had made clear to the Scandinavian countries that it would be considered a breach of neutrality if aid to Finland from a Third Power was allowed to pass through their territory.

It was when this German conception was adopted by Sweden that she invited Finland to abandon the struggle.

Paris considers, even without recalling the provisions of the League Covenant, it difficult to understand how the principles of neutrality, as generally understood, can be invoked to justify Sweden's present attitude.—Reuter.

DELEGATION RETURNS

Rome, To-day.

According to the Stockholm correspondent of the Stefani news agency the Finnish delegation has left Moscow for Helsinki.

It is understood the Soviet made a final offer which must be accepted or rejected within a given time.—Reuter.

DELICATE SUBJECTS

Helsinki, To-day.

According to reports persisting in political circles here the most delicate subjects facing the negotiators in Moscow are:—

Firstly, the railway north-east from Viborg to the Soviet frontier;

Secondly, Finland's future political and military regime, and

Thirdly, the status of Hangoe.

The newspaper "Helsingin Sanomat," which generally expresses the views of Government circles, says: "In the face of the Finnish-Soviet conflict the Western Powers must decide their attitude."

"They must understand the necessity of making a decision in view of a possible new orientation of the theatre of war."—Reuter.

GOVT. TAKES OVER

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN OVER CONTROL OF AUCKLAND HARBOUR AND AT THE SAME TIME TAKEN POWER TO ADOPT THE SAME COURSE ELSEWHERE IF NECESSARY.

The cause of this action was a trade dispute between the Harbour Board and the Harbour workers over the new wages grant.

The Government has asked the men to work at the present rate, pending the completion of a new agreement and the development of a new co-operative system.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S PROUD RECORD

London, To-day.

The Hannover, 5,600 tons, which has scuttled herself (as reported yesterday) is the 34th German ship to meet this ignominious end, keeping intact Germany's proud record of having sunk more German ships than anyone else.

She was built about a year ago.—Reuter.

WAR COUNCIL MEETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French War Council met yesterday morning at the Elysee Palace. President Lebrun was in the chair.—Havas.

JAPANESE TO RETAIN GRIP ON YANGTSE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

THAT DESPITE THE re-opening of the Yangtse the whole business will remain in Japanese hands or under Japanese control, was pointed out in a private interview with a prominent Japanese banker here yesterday.

It was further emphasised that foreigners will remain banned from the entire river shipping business.

On the other hand, a British firm, which sent an observer to various places along the Yangtse, reported that all precautions have been taken to ensure that Japanese firms have virtual trade monopoly.

German firms were informed that they would not enjoy any better treatment than any other foreign concern.

"YANGTSE TIMBER CO."

A new Japanese-controlled concern, "Yangtse Timber Company" will shortly be established in Shanghai it is reliably reported. This firm will aim at controlling the Shanghai timber trade.

SECRET EXPORTS

Despite the Japanese control over the majority of Chinese seaports invisible exports from China are considered to have increased by 50 per cent. since the outbreak of the

China hostilities, a reliable source avers.

Secret Chinese exports are valued at \$600,000 for the first two months of this year.

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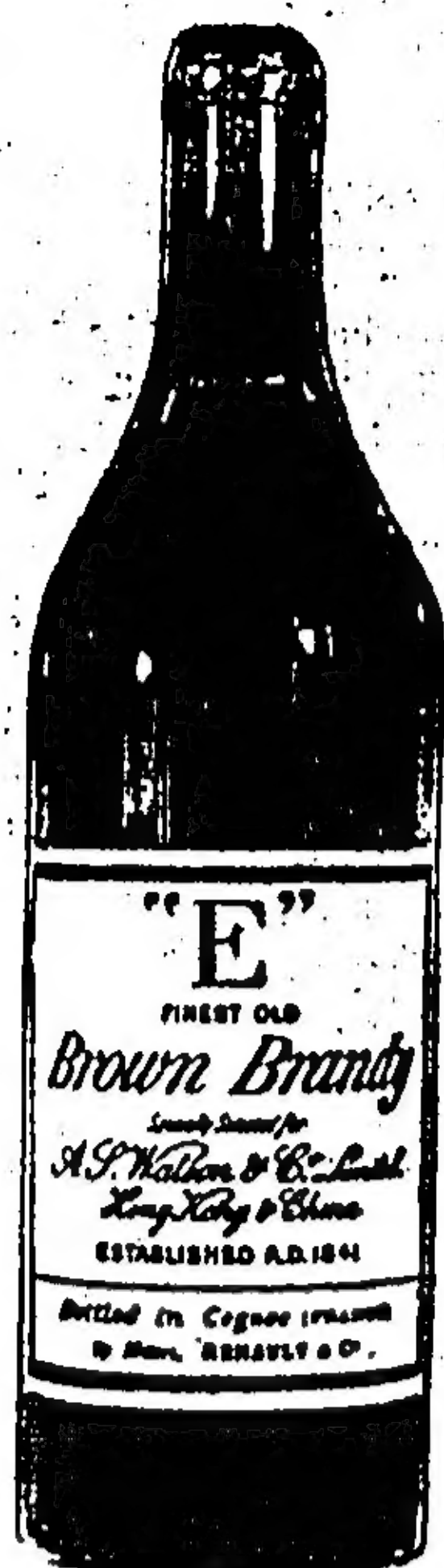
Meanwhile despite certain divergences regarding the export of Japanese goods to China, new activity can be noticed regarding the advertising of Japanese brands.

According to local information the Japanese authorities, as well as industrial circles, are highly interested in the development of such propaganda and negotiations are under way between Japanese representatives and Shanghai publishers with a view to creating a new periodical in the English language intended for commercial matters only, and to be published as a neutral magazine.—Havas.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE NEW COLONIAL POLICY

With the Government's White Paper a new period of colonial policy begins. The Government and, particularly, the Colonial Secretary, are to be congratulated on their wisdom in withstanding the temptation to put things aside until the end of the war. It is tempting to urge that money and energy are needed elsewhere and that since the colonies are whole-heartedly with us in the war they can patriotically wait until all of us can breathe freely once again. We shall doubtless hear much of this kind of argument when any sort of social or economic reform is proposed. But it is fatal and the worst kind of defeatism. The resetting, for that is what it amounts to, of our attitude towards the colonies is in itself an affirmation of our war aims.

What better evidence can there be of our sincerity and good faith than that while our national existence is threatened we should be more attentive than ever to the well-being and good government of the millions of coloured peoples of whom we are trustees? The new policy has not been dictated by the war. It has been gradually shaping over the last few years, and the appointment of the West India Royal Commission only brought reforms urgently to focus. Now the Government can do, and proposes to do, two things; it can meet the pressing needs of the West Indies and it can apply the same measures of assistance and planning to the rest of the colonies. The essence of the new policy is the end of the old doctrine that a colony is only to have those services that it can afford. Whatever its financial situation it must be provided with adequate standards of government and with essential public welfare services. Much as there is in the last twenty years of colonial administration of which we can feel proud, it remains true that we have in these respects not acted up to our responsibilities and that, in particular, we have been slow to repair the economic damage that the world slump of a decade ago left behind it.

The White Paper announces that the Government proposes to allot up to £5,000,000 a year for ten years for colonial schemes of capital expenditure and, equally if not more important, "for helping to meet recurrent expenditure in the colonies on certain services such as agricultural education, health, and 'housing.'" The old Colonial Development Fund goes, and with it the practical limitation of assistance to non-recurring objects. In future the British Exchequer can be drawn on not merely to subsidise railway building but to build up good health services, provide decent housing, and train peoples in the forms of agriculture best suited to their economic stability. Where grants in aid to meet the deficit of a poor colony had formerly to be wrung from a reluctant Treasury only after desperate administrative economies, Exchequer assistance will be granted in a generous spirit; it will be "planned expenditure" made with the help of a Colonial Development and Welfare Advisory Committee in London on which non-official members will sit. At the same time £500,000 a year will be spent through a Colonial Research Advisory Committee. The White Paper acknowledges its indebtedness to Lord Hailey's suggestion in his "African Survey," and what Lord Hailey said of research in Africa has bearings on other parts of the Empire.

History will doubtless look back on this period as being the most critical stage of African development, errors that are made now for lack of knowledge which a well-considered scheme of special study might supply will create situations which the future can rectify only at the cost of great effort and much human distress.

The corollary to this new expenditure is a change in administration, and the White Paper declares that "proper machinery and adequate personnel both for planning and for carrying out plans should be established in the United Kingdom as well as in each of the Colonies and there should be a regular liaison between the authorities at home and overseas." This, the co-ordination that is to be expected of departments in the colonies themselves, and the injunction that comprehensive plans shall be framed in each without loss of time will bring something like a revolution in the attitude and out-look of the colonial service—if the driving force in Whitehall is maintained.—"Manchester Guardian."

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AN INVASION OF ENGLAND?

The possibility that Britain might be invaded and an enemy force landed on its territory has never been entirely discarded in any of Britain's major wars. The Spanish Armada in 1588 was an attempt at invasion. The Young Pretender who landed in Scotland with seven officers in 1745 was disappointed to receive no backing from a French expeditionary force. Napoleon was a possible invader, before the Battle of Trafalgar. The old Martello Towers on England's southern coast are still witness of the preparations against invasion.

In 1914-1918 it was never considered impossible that the Germans might attempt a diversion and under cover of an engagement elsewhere throw a raiding party across the North Sea on to the English East coast. For that reason, during the last war, a considerable British force was maintained in that region, and trenches dug.

In this war a German invasion with troop-ships is even less likely than in the last war, for Germany has no Grand Fleet which could come out and divert any considerable portion of the British Navy and any attempt to carry the smallest German army across the North Sea would be extremely perilous. The only kind of German invasion which could be hopefully attempted would be by air. The idea that a real army, complete with artillery, ammunition, and food supplies, could be transported by air and dumped on British soil may probably be dismissed as chimerical.

But the Germans showed in Poland that it was possible to drop men by parachutes behind the lines, and indeed on one recent occasion,

though without success, a similar landing was made behind the French lines. It is by no means inconceivable that they might succeed in landing small parties of men in England, their object being to do mischief at key points. Britain has, of course, taken precautions against raids of this kind.

MORE INSPIRATION

What we want is more inspiration. Given that, the physical mechanism of speedier victory will be created with relative ease. The power of democratic leadership is to excite the self-activity of free will.—J. L. Garvin.

For purely Home Defence, and for employment in every county, Britain has one valuable arm which could be maintained continuously for use against raiders. They are the older men who are being recruited in large numbers for service mainly in the districts where they reside. A considerable proportion of these men are ex-soldiers who served in the last war, seasoned veterans adaptable for any purpose.—"Christian Science Monitor."

No Signs Of A Let-Up In Finnish Fighting RUSSIANS STILL HAMMER AT VIBORG

Stockholm, To-day.
THE HELSINKI CORRESPONDENT of the "Afton-bladet" states that the Russians now stand in a semi-circle round Viborg.

Their attacks, following each other, are undiminished in intensity, and it would seem they are straining every effort to obtain possession of the town in time to affect the peace discussions.

Hitherto no Russian soldier has succeeded in setting foot in the town, though they at one time were reported in one of the far suburbs.

Meanwhile, according to information reaching well-informed circles in Paris, French planes scored their thirtieth victory in air battles in Finland on Sunday.

The Finns have become quickly adept at flying fighter machines from France, which have now been operating for several days in Finland.—Reuter.

FINNISH COMMUNIQUE

Helsinki, To-day.
A communique states that the Russians continued attacks on the shore in Viborg Bay and Vouksen. Many local attacks were repulsed and six tanks destroyed.

It admits that north-east of Lake Ladoga the Russians captured a small island in the Archipelago of Pitkaranta. It is claimed that 2,000 Russians were killed at Kollanjoki where fighting continues.

It says that Finnish aircraft continued reconnaissances, and also bomb-several times enemy detachments and troops concentrations on roads and ice in Viborg Bay. They also attacked columns of troops and artillery posts.

Russian planes bombed several towns. It is confirmed that eight Russian planes were shot down.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN CLAIM

Moscow, To-day.
A communique claims that the Soviets have surrounded Viborg and have occupied the eastern and northern parts of the town.

The Soviets are advancing on the western shore of Viborg Bay.—Reuter.

NAZIS STATE THEIR CASE

Oslo, To-day.
Germany has informed Norway she considers her navy and air force entitled to attack neutral ships immediately if they are sailing in enemy convoy.

She will also attack if they are without ordinary lights or nationality marks; if they use wireless to give military information or if they refuse to stop when summoned to do so.

Neutral vessels sailing together are advised to exercise strict caution especially where enemy warships are operating.

This information is conveyed in a written reply through the German Legation to a question from a representative of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association.—Reuter.

GERMAN INVASION OF HOLLAND THREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL").
Berlin, To-day.

Nazi quarters are now saying that whether or not there are general peace discussions in the next two months or if Germany starts an offensive, any action by the Allies in the North will mean the German invasion of Holland and Belgium.—Havas.

SWEDISH MINISTER "SURPRISED"

Stockholm, To-day.
A denial that Sweden has given Finland any advice was given to Reuter by the Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Guenther, yesterday.

M. Guenther said: "We have not had the slightest contact with Germany from beginning to end of these negotiations. We have done nothing to advise the Finnish Government one way or the other."

Asked whether there was a possibility of a Swedish guarantee for Finland if peace was concluded, M. Guenther said the question had not yet been raised.

Referring to Anglo-Swedish relations he said: "I hope they will remain as cordial as they traditionally have been and as they still are."

M. Guenther said Sweden was very surprised at the way her policy was misunderstood and misrepresented abroad.

CONSTANT AIM

"Our constant aim has been to do what was best simultaneously for Finland and Sweden. Circumstances made it clear that the best way to help Finland was for ourselves to remain neutral, but to do all we could in supplying the necessary materials and volunteers."

Replying to a question whether there was any possibility of Sweden considering curtailing exports of iron ore to the belligerents in order to safeguard her neutrality, M. Guenther replied: "It seems that would have a contrary effect. Our safeguard is to continue normal trade with all parties."—Reuter.

ADMIRALTY LIST OF CASUALTIES

London, To-day.
The Admiralty has issued a list of casualties arising "from various hazards of service and not related to any particular ship or action."

They include 12 officers killed, one dead from wounds, two died and three wounded, 30 ratings killed, five died from wounds, seven missing believed killed and 14 wounded.—Reuter.

GERMANY'S GLORIFIED HELOTS

London, To-day.
Details of educational methods in present day Germany, revealed at a recent conference of teachers of Essen, have been commented upon in the British press, which contrast them with British educational ideals and methods as could have been derived from the recent Commons speech of the President of the Board of Education.

The "Manchester Guardian," commenting on the German methods, says: "It is a tragedy when we see the generosity of the whole youth of a great nation turned into such ways for it lays waste the future. It is difficult to uproot errors learnt in youth, difficult to make free men out of those brought up to see themselves as glorified helots sworn to the service of the German state and its leaders."

The Nazis are teaching their children a new morality, one alien to Europe and making its peace impossible.

What will be the effect of Nazi education? Nowadays patriotism is not enough even for aggrandisement.

AID TO FINLAND

IMPORTANCE OF COMMONS STATEMENT

London, To-day.
The Prime Minister's firm statement in the Commons on aid to Finland has made a deep impression in political and foreign diplomatic circles in London.

It has been received by the public generally with whole hearted approval.

Mr. Chamberlain told the House that the British and French Governments had informed the Finnish Government that "they are prepared in response to an appeal for further aid to proceed immediately and jointly to the help of Finland, using all available resources at their disposal."

Pressed for further details and asked in particular if the despatch of troops was contemplated, the Premier declined to add to the original terms of his statement.

The statement, however, has aroused comment for the directness and energy of its language to which, it is noteworthy, the shrewdest observers tend to give its full value.

In the meantime, reports from European capitals leave the position of the negotiations between the Finnish Ministers and the Soviet Government obscure.—British Wireless.

Teaching which tends to despise intellect may produce heroes but it does not make a type of mind useful in war which becomes more and more an intellectual thing."

NO REGIMENTATION

The British attitude to youth training was summed up in Mr. Kenneth Lindsay's account of the National Youth Committee which was designed to develop the all round functions of voluntary youth organisations.

"We shall never have a regimented scheme in this country," he declared. But the government would assist every bona fide youth organisation without impairing its independence and further all youth activities, cultural and recreational as well as those tending to promote physical fitness.—British Wireless.

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Travelling some 40,000 miles through five continents on a push bike over a period of almost nine years, a 45-year-old Hindu, Mr. Ram Nath Biswas, arrived in the Colony yesterday on his way back to Singapore.

Mr. Biswas told the "China Mail" this morning that his trip was cut short by the war conditions in Europe.

The touring cyclist used up four cycles during his travels and spent approximately £1,500 in nine years. Most of his travelling expenses were subscriptions contributed by his countrymen in different cities he visited.

With 20 pounds of luggage, including some dried foodstuffs, and only \$1 (Singapore Currency) in his pocket he started out from Singapore on July 7, 1931, to "see the world."

He travelled through Malaya, Siam and Indo-China to Canton, whence he cycled into the interior of China for several months, after which he came to Hong Kong.

After a short stay here he proceeded to Japan, the Philippines, the United States, Europe, India, Bali, Java, Hindustan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Levant, Turkey, Bulgaria, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Britain, East, Central and South Africa, back to the United States and returning to Hong Kong yesterday. He will sail to-morrow for Singapore.

Mr. Biswas was formerly employed in the Marine Department of the Singapore Government. He resigned his position to make this tour and he now plans to go back to his native home, Assam, Sylatt, India, to start his own business and perhaps "get married."

"My impression," said Mr. Biswas, "is that the people in the world today are unhappy, which is the chief cause of trouble and wars."

"Civilization," he concluded, "is collapsing."

SOVIETS ARREST THE PUPPETS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Puppet Kusinen and other members of the "mock Finnish Government" set up at Terijoki by the Russians have been arrested by the Russians, reports the paper "Aftonbladet."

The paper bases its story on information in the shape of reports from Lithuania, which state that the arrests were made because the puppets criticised the action of the Soviet Government in opening negotiations with Finland.—Havas.

BRITISH CHINA POLICY UNCHANGED

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs stated in a Commons reply yesterday that it was still the policy

HILLSIDE MURDER

EXPERT'S EVIDENCE ON INSANITY

EXPERT MEDICAL EVIDENCE WAS GIVEN AT THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING BY PROFESSOR WILKINSON, OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, ON EPILEPSY, INSANITY AND HOMICIDAL MANIA AT THE CONTINUED HEARING OF THE HILLSIDE MURDER CASE AT THE SESSIONS BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR ATHOLL MACGREGOR, IN THE CASE IN WHICH HUI YUK-MAN, AGED 20, IS CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF A BOY, LI PING-FAI AGED 7 ON DECEMBER 31, 1939.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector L. R. Whant, was for the prosecution, while accused was represented by Mr. Hin Shing-lo instructed by Mr. C. H. Kwan.

The jury was composed of Messrs. B. Pasco (foreman), L. A. Xavier, Chan Yue-nam, Choy Pin-san, E. L. Starling, Wong Wah-din and F. X. Silva.

Professor Wilkinson said he had made a special study of mental diseases and first saw the accused on March 2 when he was sent by Dr. Barwell.

He questioned accused as to his family and past history and found that he had no blood relatives alive. Asked if he had any illness such as malaria and dysentery accused replied in the negative and also said that he could not remember having any fits. He had received a blow on the back some three years ago.

Questioned on the incident, accused gave a clear account and seemed to remember every detail and to have experienced the appropriate emotions. He said he had gone home frightened without the child and when asked why he did say all he did, used the expression "I lied."

All the answers were readily given and there was no trace of hesitancy. The answers were clear, coherent and brisk.

Witness subjected accused to a physical examination and paid special attention to the nerve system, finding no physical signs of disease. His skull was X-rayed and the photo presented all normal appearances. Blood was tested and showed negative signs while the urine was normal.

When told by Mr. Lo that accused had fits ten years ago, Professor Wilkinson said he was of the opinion that the interval was too long from the fits of ten years ago and one at the time of crime. He would expect some phenomenon to have occurred during that period that it was improbable that such a lapse would pass without some signs.

He agreed with Mr. Lo that a homicidal maniac often does not try to conceal his acts and is indifferent to the consequences.

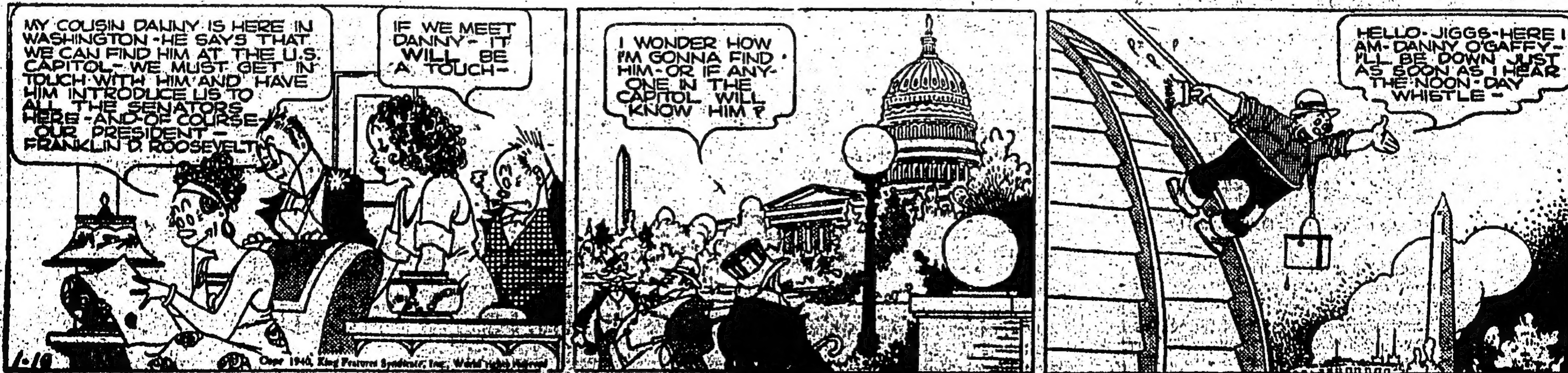
Dr. Barwell, medical officer of Stanley Prison, said he had accused under observation for some time and found him mentally sound.

The case is proceeding.

of His Majesty's Government that the independence of China should be preserved.—British Wireless.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



COMPANY MEETING

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CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE "OLD SEA DOG," BELOVED OF NOVELISTS AND WRITERS OF THE SEA, SEEMS TO FIND ITS PERSONIFICATION OF CAPTAIN GEORGE SIMPSON, WHO JUST WON'T LET WARS TERRIFY HIM.

During the last war, he twice had ships sunk under him in 1916.

He was in command of a ship at the outbreak of this war and within a month the ship was raided by Nazi planes. Last month, the ship was again raided and over a week ago it was machine-gunned.

Finally, the ship sank after an explosion in the North Sea last Saturday. Captain Simpson is still live and hearty, thank you, and is reported to be looking for another ship! —Reuter.

FRENCH CHARITY FETE

Under the direction of Mrs. C. Renner, wife of the French Vice-Consul in Hong Kong, the Oeuvres de Guerre Francaises, a French women's organisation here, will hold a charity fete at the St. Paul Institution, Causeway Bay, from April 6 to 7.

Tickets to the value of \$1, \$2, and \$3 are obtainable at the French Consulate, Alexandra Building. Each ticket will be entitled to a prize. The prizes contributed by local French women and firms will be put on display at Messrs. Sennett Freres, Pedder Street, and Messrs. Ullman and Company, Alexandra Building.—Central News.

MAGAZINE FORCED OPEN

Dynamite, detonators and fuses, to the value of \$182, were reported to have been stolen from the magazine of the China Construction Company, Shou Shan Hill, some time yesterday.

Mr. Sherwood, store-keeper, stated that the magazine was forced open.

FORMOSAN FINED

A Formosan merchant, Ryuden Ren, of No. 1, Hillwood Road, was fined \$25 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning for entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Sergeant Mann said defendant came to the Colony from Macao in the s.s. Kin Shan, and his passport was without a visa.

PARKED OVERTIME

Mr. R. B. Mace, of the Swedish Match Company, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning for parking overtime in Pedder Street on February 22.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

MINISTER RESIGNS

Toronto, To-day.

Mr. Harry Nixon, provincial secretary of the Ontario Government, and Premier Hepburn's right-hand man, has resigned from the Cabinet as protest against Mr. Hepburn's recent actions in criticising the conduct of Canada's war effort. — Reuter.

The figures before you show the result of twelve months' working, during which time the demand for both business and living quarters has continued to put an extremely heavy tax upon the supply of available accommodation. This condition is similar to that which existed throughout 1938, and is due largely to the present Sino/Japanese hostilities.

The amount at the credit of profit and loss account is \$225,517.76 more than for the preceding year and is accounted for by a large increase in sales of property and by rent revenue; the latter reflects a full year's return on leases negotiated during the last half of 1938. I desire to reiterate the remarks made by the chairman in presenting the 1937 accounts when he stated that this company has taken no unfair advantage of the political situation and rentals remain substantially the same as then.

The balance on working account of the Gloucester Hotel shows a decrease of \$63,405.63. In 1938 an unusual number of commercial and touring visitors passed through the Colony, but in 1939 income from this source decreased and, since the outbreak of war in Europe, there has been a considerable decline in the number of transients.

PROPERTY SALES

Various sales of property have been affected, the principal one being M. L. 278 (1A, Chater Road and 2, Connaught Road) which is situated outside the true business centre and it was considered advisable to take advantage of a satisfactory offer and dispose of this property. The other sales cover vacant land on the Praya East Reclamation and two small lots of Chinese tenements. As is customary the profit obtained on these transactions, together with a sum of \$27,809.20, has been transferred to general reserve account.

With regard to the position of mortgages, I am pleased to report that these are being cleared slowly but nevertheless satisfactorily, and it is hoped that it will ultimately be possible to retransfer nearly \$100,000 to general reserve account.

In the balance sheet you will notice the item of \$62,760. for investments. On account of the general political situation your board may consider it advisable to delay proceeding with a building programme and, in order to avoid having too large an amount of cash lying idle, it was decided to purchase a small number of shares which, if necessity arises, can be readily converted into liquid funds.

NEW BUILDING IN CITY

The re-development of M. L. 2C (12, Des Voeux Road Central), which was contracted for prior to the present increased cost of construction, is proceeding satisfactorily and should be completed in July or August. At the moment the Company's architects are working on the re-development of M. L. 2 Sec. B (St. Francis Hotel) and a decision as to the wisest course to adopt for this particular site will be taken by your board at a later date.

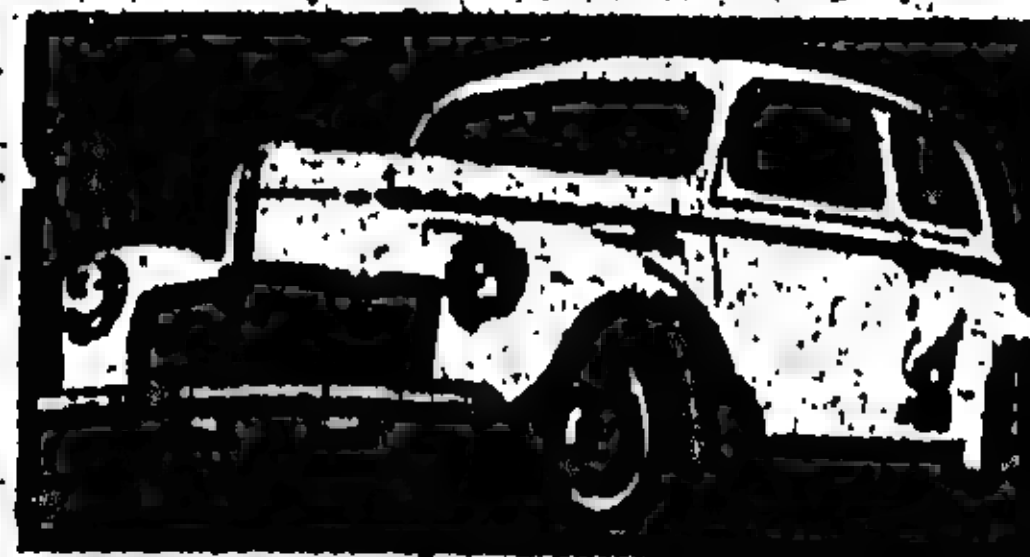
In considering the final dividend your board has adopted a conservative policy and the proposal to declare \$1.50 a share, making \$2.75 in all for the year under review, and to increase the balance carried forward by \$57,320.66, commends itself under existing uncertain conditions.

Mr. A. Raymond and Mr. S. T. Williamson, retiring by rotation, were re-elected directors of the company, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Lindeau and Davis were re-elected auditors for the year.

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IMPORTANCE OF KITA TRANSFER

Peiping, To-day.

It is quite definite that Lt.-Gen. Kita, the Japanese army's political director in North China and the power behind the Peiping "government," will shortly leave North China for good, having been transferred to a military command in Japan.

His successor is Major-General Mohioka.

In view of the fact that Lt.-Gen. Kita was a warm personal supporter of Wang Keh-min and of the semi-independent status of North China, this move is considered significant, and the North China group may recede from their former intransigent attitude towards the formation of a central regime.

It is learned that the central political conference at Nanking will open on March 20, having been postponed from to-day. Wang Ching-wei's "government" is now expected to be inaugurated on April 1.—Reuter.

PROBLEM OF THE JOINT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MEAT RATIONING STARTED YESTERDAY THROUGHOUT GREAT BRITAIN BUT AS MOST PEOPLE WERE FINISHING OFF THE SUNDAY JOINT, BUTCHERS ARE STILL WAITING TO SEE HOW THE PUBLIC WILL MAKE USE OF THEIR COUPONS.

Until they can judge the public reaction, butchers are wondering if housewives will serve only unrationed meats and fish during the week, saving their coupons for the week-end joint.

Meat can be purchased in restaurants without coupons and there was an increased demand for such dishes in many London catering establishments yesterday.—Reuter.

British Wireless says that according to first reports received at the Ministry of Food the arrangements are working smoothly. Adequate quantities of meat are available and supplies are ready for speedy transport to places where a shortage might occur owing to a sudden rush of late registrations. All over the country practically 90% of people are known to have registered.

It is emphasised that the policy of even spreading of supply, which is amply sufficient for the country's needs on the ration basis is far preferable to local shortages which led to queues at butcher's shops in the last war. Fixing of the ration at 1/10d worth of meat per week may be usefully compared with the estimate reached by butchers themselves that the actual amount of money spent on meat per head before the war averaged about 1/6d per week.

GERMANY SPONSORING FAR EAST DISCUSSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"L'Oeuvre," quoting an authoritative source, claims that negotiations between Tokyo and Moscow are rapidly progressing under Germany's aegis.

The terms for the agreement, rumoured to have been drawn up, are: Moscow would discontinue assistance to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek; suppress the Chinese Red Army and recognise Manchukuo.

In exchange Tokyo would recognise Sinkiang as a Russian sphere and Outer Mongolia as an independent state.

RETURN OF C.E.R.

Moscow further demands a non-aggression pact; recognition of the present "status quo" in Poland; demilitarization of Northern Mongolia, demilitarization of the Soviet-Manchurian frontier and the return to Russia of the former Chinese Eastern Railway.

In the field of trade Japan would provide soya beans, sulphur and manganese against petrol, coal and manganese.—Havas.

NEGOTIATION WITH ITALY

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, announcing in the Commons the successful conclusion of the conversations with Italy regarding German seaborne coal, said: "I have no doubt there will be genuine satisfaction in this country over the solution of what might have been a troublesome dispute by the application to the problem of common sense and goodwill."

"It may be hoped that the way has now been opened for a resumption of negotiations between our two countries for furtherance of trade to our mutual advantage."—British Wireless.

NAZI RUMOURS DENIED

London, To-day.

The official German news agency yesterday issued a message from Moscow saying that according to a Kabul message to the Tass Agency, there are persistent rumours in India that the meeting of the Indian National Congress, fixed for March 15, has been prohibited by the British authorities.

Reuter is, however, informed by the India Office that is untrue.—Reuter.

CZECH UNIVERSITY A BARRACKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Prague, To-day.

The famous University of Law, scene of bloody slaughter of students last November, has been turned into a barracks for German troops.—Havas.

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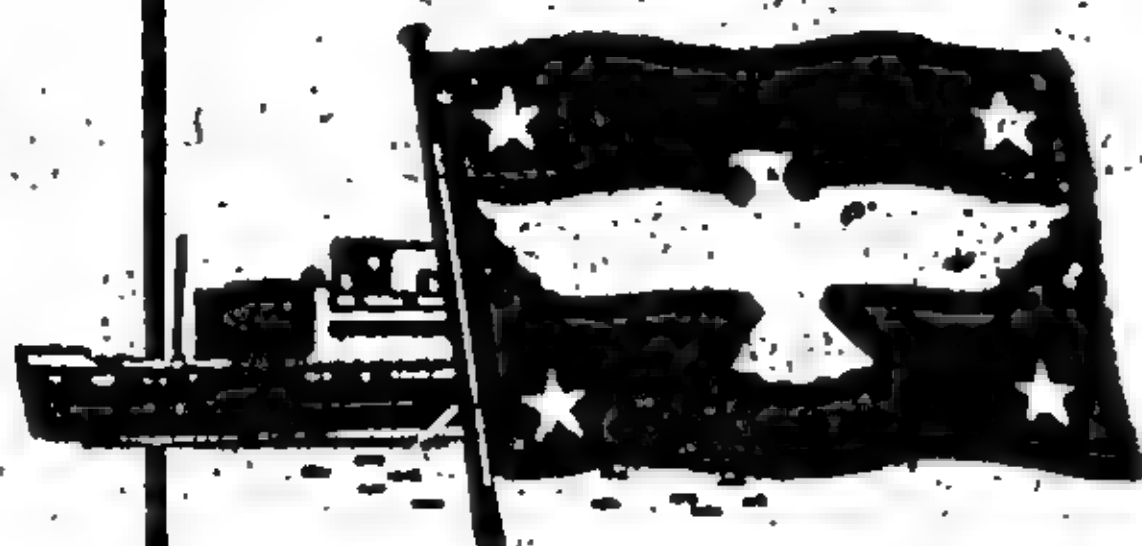
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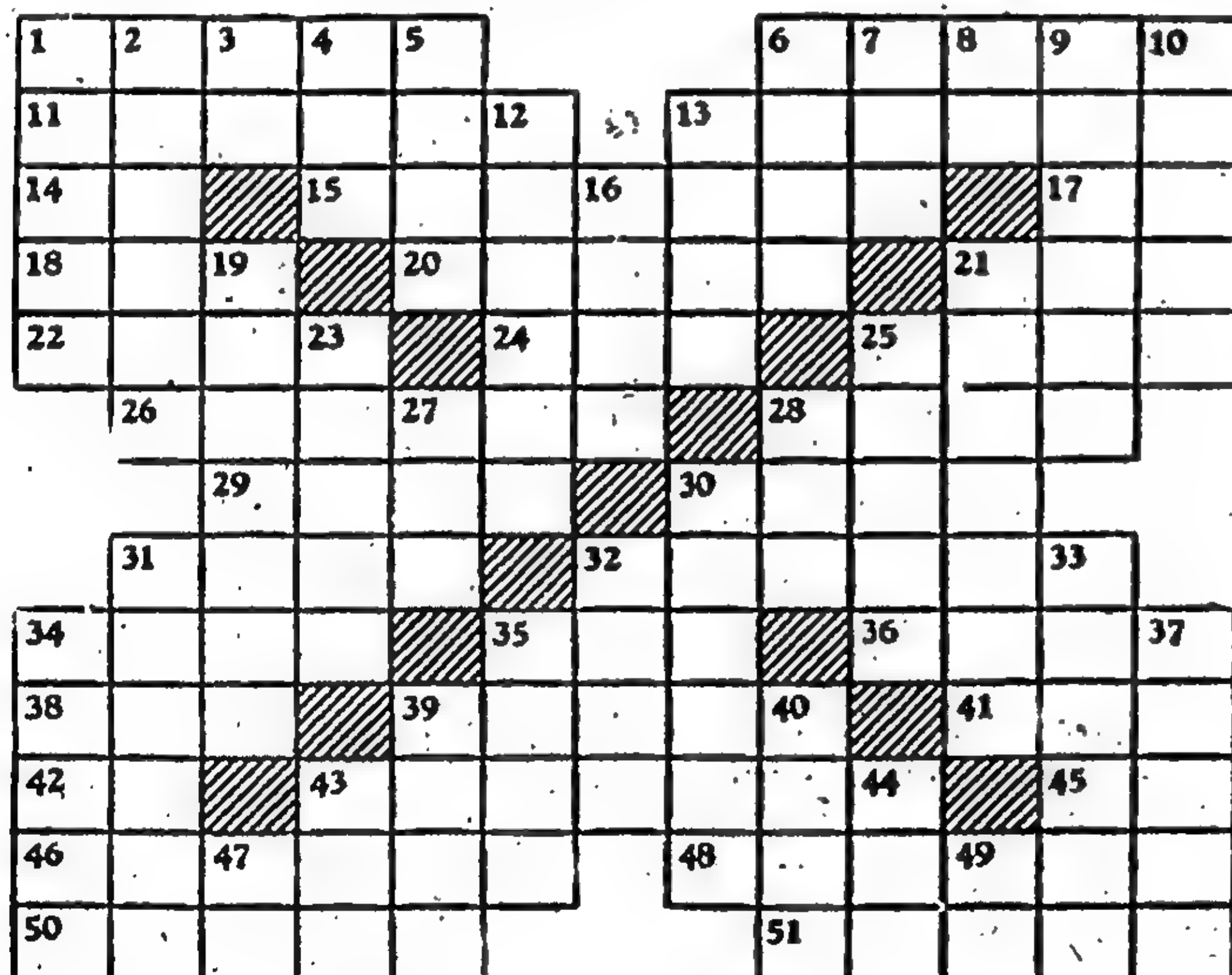
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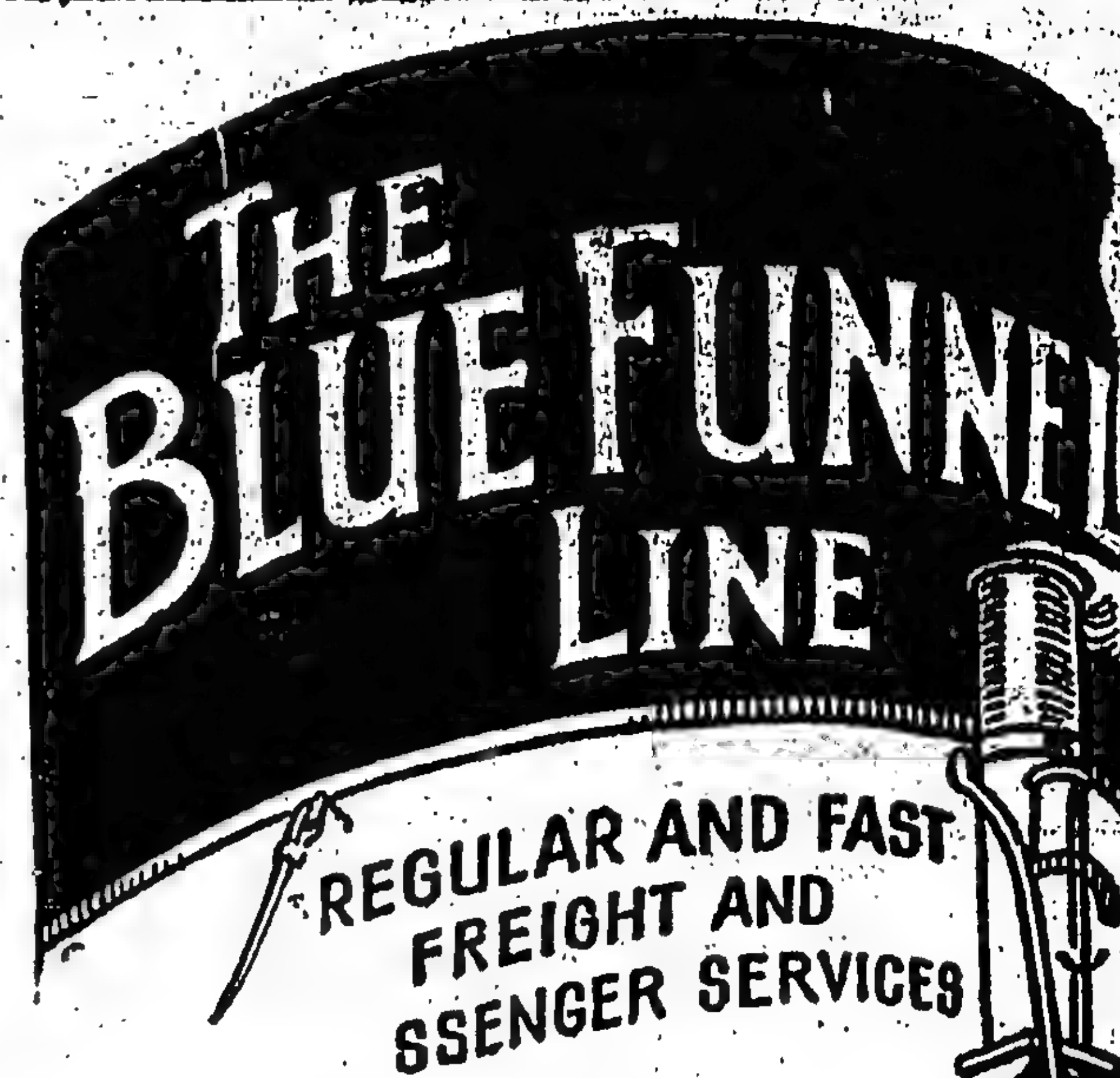
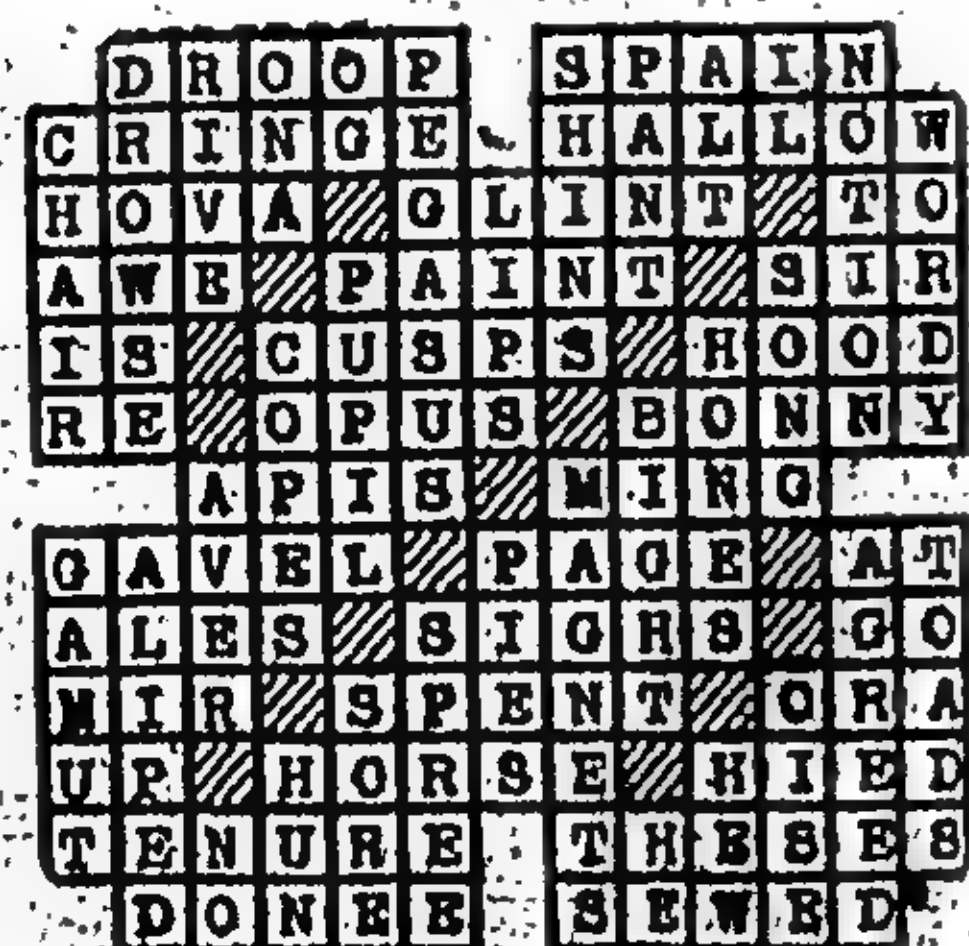
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Stores
- 6 To palm off
- 11 Rabbits
- 13 Mythological heroine
- 14 Exist
- 15 To make ready
- 17 Conjunction
- 18 Colloquial: to josh
- 20 Misgivings
- 21 However
- 22 Supercilious person
- 24 To fasten
- 25 Poses
- 26 Told stories
- 28 Evils
- 29 To sow
- 30 Seed covering
- 31 Vegetable and meat dish
- 32 Coined money
- 34 Escaped
- 36 Soft substance
- 38 Vast ages
- 39 Youth
- 39 Colloquial: studied hard

VERTICAL

- 1 Disfigurements
- 2 Coarsely ground maize
- 3 Preposition
- 4 Fruit seed
- 5 Hireling
- 6 Animal skins
- 7 Crude metal
- 8 Butterfly
- 9 Gushes
- 10 Pastries
- 12 Leaked through
- 13 To deserve
- 16 Recompensed
- 19 Bragged
- 21 Vast number
- 23 To multiply
- 25 Thin piece
- 27 Modern
- 28 Vehemence
- 30 To come forth
- 31 Berated
- 32 Loose earth
- 33 Is available
- 34 Musical instrument
- 35 To model
- 37 To preserve
- 39 Particles
- 40 To fast
- 42 Lair
- 44 By birth
- 47 Concerning
- 49 Musical syllable

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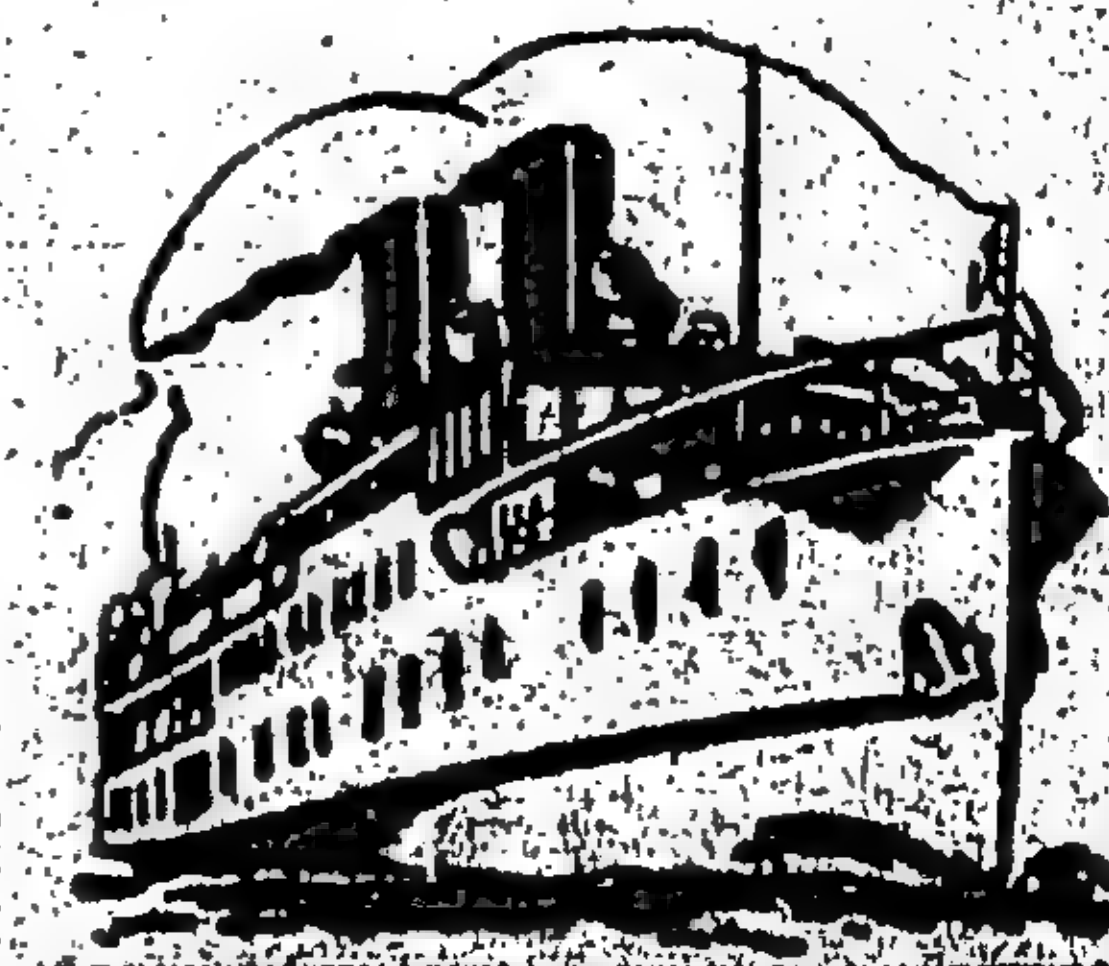
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RUGBY "DOUBLE" FOR SAPPERS

POLICE "A" DISAPPOINT IN SEVENS TOURNAMENT

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Too much kicking, which wasted time and gained no particular advantage, featured the opening matches of the Blarney Stone Shield Sevens Tournament yesterday before a fair crowd on the Club ground.

Police "A" will need to improve if they are to retain their title and Club "A" will have to be at their best to beat the Bank.

Police "A" played anything but like champions against Combined Small Units and only a good penalty goal, kicked by Taylor, towards the end of the first half separated the two teams. Taylor attempted nothing on his own and his kicking was wild. Fay and Wilson were weak in the centre, the former attempting two difficult dropped goals instead of opening up play. Wall was a nippy scrum-half and will need watching. At forward Wright-Nooth was quite the best of the trio.

Small Units were handicapped from the start by the fact that Willis played as full-back instead of a third threequarter. Macdonald made one good run at the start and he might well have scored a surprise try had he carried on running instead of worrying what Taylor was going to do with him. Crawford, back from Tientsin, has put on weight and is consequently much slower than he was when he last played here.

C.S.U.—Willis; Macdonald and Coombes; Morgan; Crawford, Bedford and Harrington. POLICE "A"—Taylor; Fay and Wilson; Wall; Wright-Nooth, Cullinan and Innis.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Combined Small Units 0 Police "A" 3
Royal Scots "B" 0 5th A.A. "A" 6
Civil Service Club "B" 0
Police "B" 6 Talkoo 5
Hong Kong Bank 19 "Tamar" and Small Ships "B" 0
Police "A" now meet 8th Heavy Regt. "B"; 5th A.A. "A" meet Club "A"; Civil Service meet H. K. Bank; and Police "B" meet Club "A" or 5th A.A. "A";

GIBLIN AGAIN SHINES

Royal Scots "B", ably led by Ridsdale, who should be playing in the "A" team, did well to hold 5th A.A. "A" to a pointless first half, during which Giblin was well watched, but in the second half the Gunners scored unconverted tries through Banner as the result of a good dribble and Giblin, who cut through beautifully to score between the posts, Mills failing with both kicks.

Cody received a kick over the eye early in the game and could hardly see through the blood, but he did well, as did Pursey. Sutcliffe made an enterprising scrum-half for Gunners, and Clarke also caught the eye, but the one man in this match was Giblin, who has Rugger brains, being brilliant in defence—he tackled Lockhart beautifully when a try seemed certain—and very enterprising in attack.

5TH A.A. "A"—Mulligan; Giblin and Banner; Sutcliffe; Mills, Clarke and Mullen.

ROYAL SCOTS "B"—Ridsdale; Fairley and Cody; Loughlin; Pursey, Patterson and Lane.

LAVALLE'S PLUCK

Club "B" proved no match for Civil Service, who scored two unconverted tries in the first half through Taylor, (Continued on Page 15)

BIRRELL AND WAITE PLAY BIG PART IN DESERVED SUCCESS

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Royal Engineers, unexpectedly assisted by Waite and Artingstall, who replaced Jones and Martin, completed the Army Rugby "double" yesterday when they beat Royal Scots "A" by 9 points to 3 in the Final of the Army Seven-A-Side Tournament to record their second win in succession in this competition. They had previously won the Army Rugby League, also beating Royal Scots in the deciding match.

Sappers fully deserved their sevens triumph, completely outplaying their opponents after being presented with a gift try early in the first half. Royal Scots, who brought in Gibson for Marshall, never settled down and put up a very disappointing performance.

Birrell, the R.E. "tank," did all that was expected of him and more, though he was fortunate to be able to open the Sappers' account, Pinkerton, for a reason best known to himself, very foolishly trying a cross-kick to Birrell's wing and sending the ball right into his hands for an easy score.

The obvious policy for Royals was to keep the ball on the opposite side to Birrell, but the failure of Sutherland as hooker enabled Engineers to dominate play, and their best equipped player saw plenty of the ball.

WAITE'S SHARE

Waite, who is likely to be playing tomorrow, gave a fine display of kicking and his presence had a lot to do with Engineers winning. Artingstall, who will also be missed soon, and Foley also shone, as did Sheldrake at forward.

Gracie had an off day for Royals after receiving a bad shaking in the opening minute and Millar was the only one of the losers to play to form.

Sappers won the toss and played against the sun, Gracie kicking off for Royals. Brinkley secured from the kick-off and transferred to Waite, who gained 10 yards before being grassed.

Royals heeled from the loose scrum, but Foley and Brinkley were offside, Gracie being brought down heavily as a result. Cuthbertson failed to find touch and Waite fielded the ball and also failed to find touch. Gracie, however, gave his forwards a respite with a kick which took play to Royals' 10 yards line.

From the scrum which followed the line-out Gracie was slow in getting the ball back and Waite secured possession and a diagonal run saw him secure a good opening, but he hesitated badly and the ball went loose on the Royals' 25-yard line. Royals were forced to touch down and from the resultant 5-yard scrum Foley went round the blind side, but was smothered by Cuthbertson, who broke quickly. Sappers secured the ball from the loose but a pass to the unmarked Birrell was forward and a great opportunity was lost. Pinkerton relieved almost immediately with a kick which took play back to the Royals' 10-yard line, but Gracie was then penalised for lying on the ball and Birrell attempted to land a goal from 40 yards out, only to fail with a good kick.

WAITE SAVES LINE

From the drop out Royals managed to transfer play back to their 10-yard line, but Sappers gave little away and Foley soon revealed their policy of feeding Birrell a every opportunity when he sent out a long forward pass to the winger when Waite was on his right and in a good position for a run to the line. Royals first entered the Sappers territory when Cuthbertson booted a loose ball towards the corner flag, but Waite beat him to the ball and side-kicked to touch 10 yards from his own line.

Royals secured from the line-out and the ball went across to Pinkerton, who had time to drop a goal, pass or even cut through himself. Instead he punted to the right, right into BIRRELL'S hands and he easily out-distanced Ford and Millar for a try between the posts which Waite unaccountably failed to improve on.

Gracie's drop out did not go 10 yards and Sappers secured possession from the resultant scrum and Artingstall found touch on the Royals' 25-yard line. They again got the ball back from the line-out and Waite kicked to touch one yard from the line. Sutherland gained possession from the line-out and gained five yards before being brought down by weight of numbers and the ball came out Sappers' side for Artingstall to break away and look like scoring, but he hesitated and then passed forward to Waite with only five yards to go.

Half time arrived with Royals fortunate to be only 3-0 down.

BIRRELL'S SECOND TRY

Waite kicked off and Cuthbertson's attempt at touch failed, but Waite's return kick was charged down and Royals' forced play into their rivals' 25 before Waite kicked ahead and Cuthbertson, who had changed places with Pinkerton, who went into the pack, was brought down on his own 25 by Artingstall.

The ball came out quickly on the Sappers' side and BIRRELL made a good diagonal run which took him over in the corner. His kick, five yards from the touch line, landed on the cross-tee and rebounded the wrong side. R.E. thus led 6-0.

Gracie kicked well ahead and Pinkerton very nearly got over in the corner, a free kick being awarded three yards from the Sappers' line for obstruction by Cuthbertson.

took the kick and tamely sent it into Foley's hands and he touched down in defence. Artingstall kicked ahead but Gibson fielded the ball and kicked hard down the centre, and only a determined effort by Foley saved the Sappers' line, the scrum-half just beating Gibson to the touch down.

Play swung to the other side of the field and from a line-out 10 yards from the line MILLAR was given the ball by Gracie and he went over in the corner by brute force, though it appeared as if he had just not made it. Royals did not waste time with a kick from a difficult angle. R.E. were now leading 6-3.

In the closing minute Gracie was slow behind the pack and Foley almost kicked the ball out of his hands to score close in, but there was no time for a kick and Engineers thus won 9-3, and very deservedly. Gibson twisted his ankle when attempting to stop Foley and had to be helped off the field.

Col. Simpson presented the Army League and Sevens trophies at the conclusion of the game.

ROYAL ENGINEERS—Waite; Birrell and Artingstall; Foley; Brinkley, Apperley and Sheldrake.

ROYAL SCOTS "A"—Gibson; Pinkerton and Ford; Gracie; Millar; Sutherland and Cuthbertson.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations today:

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 b., \$1500 s., \$1475/80 sa.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$227½ b.
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Coco Grove Ps. .12 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0036 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .12 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .10 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. 34¼ sa.
Ipo Gold Ps. .10 b.
Itogons Ps. .24¼ sa.
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San Mauricio Ps. .79 sa.
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POLICE "A" DISAPPOINT IN SEVENS TOURNEY

(Continued from Page 14)

Charter and Redman failing with the kicks.

Lavalle, with his wrist in plaster of Paris, gave an extremely plucky display for Club, saving two certain tries when he grassed first Taylor and then Morgan, but his kicking was weak, being ill-directed and lacking power. He concluded the game in agony following a nice run down the wing and a heavy tackle by Fowler. Taylor used his weight to advantage and revealed a surprising turn of speed. Charter's defence was impregnable, Fowler gave a most promising display and Morgan was always dangerous.

CIVIL SERVICE—Charter, Taylor and Fowler; Morgan; Tresidder, Redman and B. Hynes.

CLUB "B"—Lavalle; Van Leeuwen and Hopkins; Stoker; Carey, Salter and Wanklyn.

TAIKOO OUT OF CONDITION

Police "B" caused a surprise when they beat Taikoo, who collapsed three-quarter way through and lost 6-5 after leading 5-3 right up to the last minute. Reynolds gave Police an early lead when he crossed over in the corner, but Hutchison levelled the scores with a great try between the posts which Castleton converted. Police should have scored early in the second half when Rutherford sent out a wild pass and Searle nearly went over after Matthews had held up a fierce forward rush by going down on the ball almost at Rose's feet. Searle managed to pass but Wheeler knocked on with the line at his mercy. With Taikoo failing to last the pace Leslie cut through the centre and scored between the posts. Reynolds's kick at goal was disallowed as the ball was grounded too soon.

Matthews, out for the first time this season, gave a sound display at full-back for Taikoo, but would have helped more had he aided the attack, and Hutchison was always dangerous in the first half. Macrae did well at forward in the first half but was also winded thereafter. The Police forwards played well and Reynolds had to be watched very carefully.

POLICE "B"—Jackson; Reynolds and Dempsey; Leslie; Rose, Searle and Wheeler. **TAIKOO**—Matthews; Hutchison and Godfrey; Rutherford; Macrae; Castleton and Collis.

BANK'S FINE BACKS

Hong Kong Bank made short work of "Tamar" and Small Ships "B", leading 8-0 at half time and winning 19-0 as the result of tries by Day, converted by Aitkenhead, and Aitkenhead in the first half and Day, Aitkenhead, who converted his own effort, and Kennedy.

Navy fielded a scrappy side and Kennedy and Bowden, who would strengthen their first team, were the only ones to impress, but their's was a thankless job without support.

Bank have an excellent back division and are likely to extend Club "A" to the fullest extent if they meet in the semi-final. Day showed a clean pair of heels every time he got the ball, except once, when Kennedy came across to cut him off and grass him.

H.K. BANK—Aitkenhead; Carruthers and Day; Butcher; Thompson, Dunnott and Kennedy.

"TAMAR" & S.S. "B"—Addis; Kennedy and Bowden; Richards; Palmer, Barlow and Longmuir.

Lt Pirie of Royal Scots and Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed during the afternoon.

After yesterday's games I still think the semi-finalists will be Police "A", 8th Heavy Regt. "A", Bank and Club "A", with Police "A" and Club "A" in the Final.

CHINA PROVIDENT DIVIDEND

At a Meeting of the Directors of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. Ltd., it was decided, subject to audit, to recommend to the Shareholders at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, the payment of a dividend of 10% in respect of the year ended 31st December 1939, and carry forward to next account the sum of \$121,576.39.

HOME SOCCER

WARTIME CUP COMPETITION

London, To-day.

The Football League Management Committee have decided that an English wartime cup competition will begin with a preliminary round on April 14, after which there will be two rounds on the home and away basis, the winners being the scorers of most goals; then the tournament resolves itself into a knock-out competition.

First round will be contested on April 20 and 27, the second on May 4 and 11, the third on May 18, and the fourth on May 25.

The semi-finals will be played on June 1 and the final on June 8.

Following is the draw for the preliminary round:—

SOUTH "A"

Southend v Queen's Park Rangers; Brighton v Clapton Orient; Northampton v Watford; Mansfield v Notts. County.

SOUTH "B"

Bristol Rovers v Aldershot; Cardiff v Reading; Bournemouth v Bristol City; Port

"AUSTRIA OFFICE" IN LONDON

LONDON, TO-DAY.

TWO YEARS AGO YESTERDAY GERMANY ANNEXED AUSTRIA AND THE ANNIVERSARY WAS MARKED IN LONDON YESTERDAY BY THE OPENING OF AN "AUSTRIA OFFICE," WHICH IS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH UNDERGROUND MOVEMENTS IN AUSTRIA AND HELP SPREAD ALLIED PROPAGANDA.

A large number of Austrian emigres were present at the opening, and speeches were made by a former Austrian Social-Democrat and the leader of the Austrian Monarchists, both of whom said that had only one aim—the liberation of Austria.

The former Austrian Minister in London was also present. He said later that most people in Austria were opposed to the present state of affairs. —Reuter.

Vale v Walsall; Swindon v Tourquay.

NORTH "A"

Southport v Oldham; New Brighton v Crewe; Rochdale v Accrington; Barrow v Carlisle; Wrexham v Stockport.

NORTH "B"

York v Bradford City; Hartlepool v Halifax; Darlington v Gateshead; Hull v Lincoln; Doncaster v Rotherham. —Reuter.



Dieting Dot says it's concern for others that keeps her off thin ice.

YACHT MISSING

Captain Sale, of the Royal Air Force, reports that his yacht "Porthon" has either been stolen or drifted away from its moorings at Kai Tak between the hours of 6.30 a.m. on Sunday and 7 a.m. yesterday. The yacht has not yet been traced.

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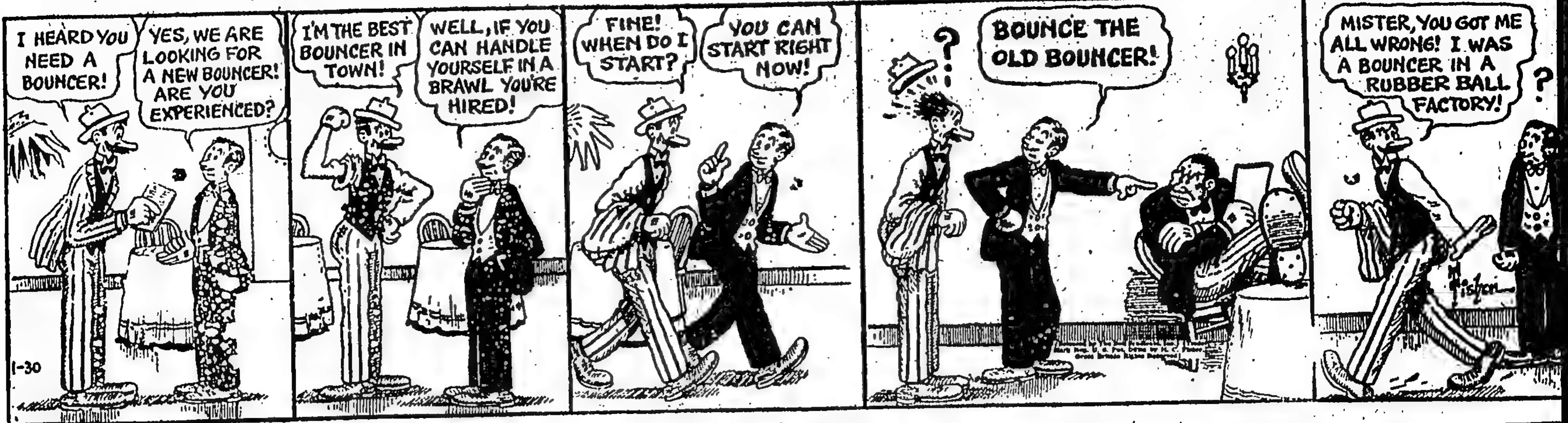
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B.B.C. Recording
Of The
"Fol-De-Rols"

6.00 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "Patience".
6.28 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.30 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—New Light Symphony Orchestra.
Zampa—Overture (Herold).
Spanish Dance, No. 1 (Moszkowsky).
"The Dubarry"—Selection.
8.25 p.m.—Hawaiian Selections.
All My Life (film "Laughing Irish Eyes");
Sundown In Old Walkiki (Carlton & Ritz)....George Elliott's Hawaiian No-

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M.
9.52 Megacycles

velty Quartet with Vocal Chorus.
Kohala March; Honolulu March....Frank
Ferera & John K. Pauluhl (Hawaiian
Guitars).
Hawaiian Happiness—Medley....Len Fillis
& His Orchestra with Vocal Chorus.
8.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording — "The
Fol-De-Rols". Written and pro-
duced by Geatrex Newman, Music
by Wolsey Charles.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on
the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Schumann—Trio in D
Minor, Op. 63. Cortot, Thibaud and
Casals.

Haydn
Symphony
In D

10.17 p.m.—Piano Solos by Alfred
Cortot.
Papillons, Op. 2 (Schumann).
Etude En Forme De Valse (Saint-Saens).
Etude in F Minor (La Leggerenza—Liszt).
10.38 p.m.—Haydn—Symphony No. 88
in D Major. London Symphony
Orchestra conducted by Bruno
Walter.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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FINE DISCARDING

Our friend William D. Lee of
Evanston, Ill., writes: "I think you
will agree that the most difficult hands
to defend are those where the de-
fending side are forced to make re-
peated discards. I feel rather proud
of having defeated this six-spade con-
tract with some fine cooperation by
my partner, George Sagarin."

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable
♠ 5 2
♥ A Q 9 7 3
♦ Q 7 5
♣ 7 5 4
Mr. Sagarin
♠ 10 9
♥ 10 8 5 4
♦ 2
♣ J 10 8 3
Mr. Lee
♠ 7 4
♥ K J 6
♦ 9 8 4 2
♣ Q J 10 8
The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass
6♠ Pass

HIGH CARD VALUES
OF THE
FOUR-ACES SYSTEM
ACE 3
KING 2
QUEEN 1
JACK 0
TOTAL VALUE OF HAND
AVERAGE HAND 10.4

"Mr. Sagarin open-
ed the three of dia-
monds, showing a
four-card suit and
marking Declarer with
Ace-King alone. South
proceeded to run off
his entire spade suit.
My partner's first
three discards were
the five-four-deuce of
hearts in that order. This was highly
significant to me as I thought if my
partner held only three hearts, his
first discard would be the deuce.
If he held four, he would have given
a high-low sch. Therefore, his

manner of discarding hearts was to
show a five-card suit and Declarer
must therefore be void.
"I of course quickly got rid of my
diamonds, but subsequently let go of
all my hearts. While I eventually
won two tricks in clubs, you can
observe that if I had discarded a
single club in order to protect my
King of hearts, the contract would
have been made."

Yesterday, with both sides vulner-
able, you were David Bruce Burn-
stone's partner and held:

♠ A x x
♥ x x
♦ K Q J 10 x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
Maier Burnstone Jacoby You
1NT Pass 2NT (7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid
is three diamonds. While
you may be set as much as
700 points (three tricks doubled, less
honors), it looks as though your op-
ponents will bid and make a notrump
game unless you get a diamond open-
ing.

Score 100 per cent. for three dia-
monds; 70 per cent. for pass.
Question No. 358
Oswald Jacoby is your partner and
you hold:

♠ K 10 x x x
♥ x x
♦ x x x
♣ x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Maier
3NT Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer
tomorrow.)

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PRISONERS LANDED IN CAPETOWN

CAPETOWN, TO-DAY.
A BRITISH WARSHIP HAS LAND-
ED 46 PRISONERS FROM SCUTTLED
NAZI SHIPS IN CAPETOWN. THEY
WILL BE INTERNED IN THE UNION
AT THE EXPENSE OF THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT.

On board the British warship, the
Germans were given the greatest pos-
sible freedom and at their own re-
quest were allowed to help in the
working of the ship.

The warship also landed 16 British
casualties (including five cot cases)
from the River Plate battle with the
Graf Spee; they have been in hospi-
tal in the Falkland Islands.—Reuter.

QUIET SESSION ON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.
The Stock Exchange was mainly
quiet owing to the imminence of the
war loan issue. The prices of most
group tended to ease, but Indian
Government Bonds were exception-
ally strengthened on good buying from
Eastern sources.
Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

ENEMY PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.
Asked in the House of Commons
now many German prisoners of war
and captured merchant seamen were
now in internment camps, the Under-
Secretary for the Home Office said
that the figures on March 8 were 257
combatant prisoners of war and 1,271
merchant seamen.—Reuter.

SHIPS SUNK BY MINES

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A LIFEBOAT WHICH WAS OUT
AT SEA FOR 39 HOURS DURING
THE WEEK-END WENT OUT AGAIN
YESTERDAY TO THE HELP OF A
GREEK STEAMER WHICH WAS
REPORTED MINED AND SUNK.
TWO OTHER SHIPS HELPED TO
PICK UP THE CREW.

Two British ships, aggregating 4,000
tons, have been sunk, both by mines.
—Reuter.

DUTCH SHIP LOST

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
THE DUTCH CARGO STEAMER
AMOR (2,325 TONS) WAS MINED
AND SUNK NEAR THE WEST HIN-
DER LIGHTSHIP YESTERDAY.
The crew of 30 were rescued by
the Irish steamer City of Bremen and
landed at Flushing. The Amor was
en route to Holland from the West
Indies.—Reuter.

MILL STRIKE IN BOMBAY

Bombay, To-day.
The Bombay Government has in-
tervened in a labour dispute—with-
out much success so far.

Since last Monday, 130,000 mill
workers have been out on strike for
wage increases owing to the higher
cost of living.

When negotiations with the em-
ployees broke down, the Bombay
Government asked the mill owners
if they would grant a bonus if, as a
result of the war, they got higher
profits.

The mill-owners had a meeting and
yesterday issued a statement saying
that they could not increase their
original offer.—Reuter.



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COLONY TENNIS

MOST IMPRESSIVE
LOCAL DEBUT*Umetani Displays Brilliant Form At H.K.C.C.*HUSSAIN'S BIG LEAD
IN TENSE FIRST SET

(By "ADREM")

[O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.]

THERE WERE SOME sparkling rallies in the Colony singles tennis tie played yesterday at Hong Kong Cricket Club between O. Umetani, the Japanese, and S. A. Hussain, leading K.I.T.C. player.

Recovering brilliantly from a very poor start, Umetani became accustomed to the difficult conditions and then swept through to a decisive victory, making one of the most auspicious local debuts for many years.

Full credit must also be given to Hussain, who touched his best form at various stages to bring off some most spectacular shots. It was not for want of trying that he lost—on his performance yesterday he would have beaten many of the entrants in the tournament.

Opening stages of the first set found Umetani struggling hard to gain control of his strokes. He gave me the impression of being right out of practice and unused to grass courts. The low bound of the ball made it difficult to bring his flat-racket forehand drive into action and, on the occasions when he did try to hit hard, the ball almost invariably finished up near the screen.

At this period Hussain was in irresistible form and, with accurate driving on both hands to either sideline, gave his opponent little time to make his strokes. Losing very few points, Hussain swept through with the utmost ease to lead 5-0 and it looked any odds on his winning the set.

A CHANGE

A change came over the match from the sixth game, however, as by that time Umetani was finding his touch. His drives were made more confidently and were of such a length as to enable him to force the issue from the forecourt, where he brought off several crisp volleys.

Hussain's most accurate drives were picked up with ease and returned with interest. Although requiring only one more game for set, so far did Umetani dominate matters that I cannot recollect the K.I.T.C. player ever getting to set point.

As was inevitable, Umetani levelled the scores. Hussain made a big effort in the next game and led 6-5 but that was the last occasion in this set that he was again in front and Umetani went out in the 16th game in a most entertaining set.

Hussain again started well in the second set. He took the first two games and made a great effort to win the third but Umetani staved off the challenge and went out for set and match without losing another game.

In the later stages of the match, Umetani was at his best—and a very good best it proved to be. His forehand drive was very accurate and of perfect length and yesterday paved the way for most of his net attacks. He slices his backhand but for the most part it skips the net with pace and control.

His volleying improved as the match progressed and in the last few games was very piercing. Overhead he was erratic but nevertheless scored many points with his smashing—which was never a half-hearted stroke.

HUSSAIN'S FINE SHOWING

Had Hussain been able to maintain a length on the ground he might have

TENNIS SCORES
AT A GLANCE

OPEN SINGLES
Varsland Ma beat A. R. Kitchell 11-9, 6-3.
O. Umetani beat S. A. Hussain 9-7, 6-2.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
L. M. S. Lloyd (-2/6) beat H. D. Bidwell (-2/6) 8-6, 9-7.
J. S. Theobald beat V. R. Gordon 11-9, 3-6, 6-3.

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
A. Lade and G. W. Sewell (-5/6) beat M. Pagh and E. Zulauf (-30.1) 8-6, 6-3.
W. G. Harvey and A. H. Barwell (scratch) beat C. C. Stark and C. M. Stark (+3/8) 6-4, 6-1.

carried the issue further. His drives were not lacking in pace but they were rarely deeper than half or three-quarter court, and his opponent had little difficulty in returning them. On occasion the K.I.T.C. player was brilliant, varying his length and pace with great skill. He also pulled out some nice passing shots but was not equipped for a forecourt attack as his volleying was most erratic.

Umetani, with the experience of conditions obtained yesterday, should do very well against the best in the Colony.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Open Singles
J. L. C. Pearce v Peter U (1).

Open Doubles
Wong Hok-nang and Lee Chi-man v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (5).

Club Handicap Singles
D. M. Macdougall (-15.2) v P. W. Blyth (-2/6) (6).
G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v A. T. Dow (-3/6) (7).

Club Handicap Mixed Doubles
T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15) v Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Burnett (-15.2) (2).

Club Handicap Doubles
N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert (scratch) v J. R. M. Smith and D. J. S. Crozier (scratch) (4).

ADAMSON CUP

The following is the draw for the first round of the Adamson Cup Competition:
Bye, S. T. Butlin (12); G. E. Willerton (12) v E. Ebbage (18); T. J. Price (9) v F. Buckle (12); A. J. Macfarlane (18) v G. W. Reeve (13); D. Humphreys (7) v Hugh Smith (9); G. Davies (10) v J. Forbes (9); D. S. Edwards (3) v E. Tuck (14); Bye, W. W. C. Shewan (7).

The first round is to be played on or before March 24; the second round, April 1; semi-final, April 31; and final, April 28. Players are asked not to leave matches till last available date. The first in each bracket is the challenger, and the winner should enter the result.

J. J. Price qualified for the competition.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

THE Third Division of the Football League is not yet complete but two of the teams have managed to finish off their matches to schedule. These are the 24th Bty. R.A. and R. Signals and curiously enough they are concerned in opposite ends of the League table. R.A. have been fighting to get to the top and Signals fighting to get away from the bottom! The situation regarding the Gunners' position is common news now and they just have to sit back and wait for R.A.S.C. to complete their fixtures. Whether they win the championship or not they deserve credit for the good performance they have put up throughout the season.

Signals have succeeded in their efforts to avoid the foot of the table and their case is rather a peculiar one. They are only a small unit side and were rather venturesome when they entered one team in Second Division and one in Third Division. It was considered, however, that they had enough

talent to put up a show in both Divisions but "The best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee" and the crisis was the fly in their ointment.

Some of their first team were sent away with the result that players had to be drawn from the second team to fill their places. Both teams therefore, were weakened considerably, and the Third Division team was the one that suffered more. Towards the end of the season other units were probably surprised to see one or two of their Second Division players in the Third Division team but this, I understand, was the result of the players being reinstated to fill in further vacancies which had occurred. Signals have had no complaints from other units so this swopping about has evidently been taken in the true spirit—which, of course, is as it should be.

THE M/X had to drop out of both cricket competitions owing to military duties and the C. S. Units who were to have met them in the Large Units K. O. on Sunday received a walk over into the final of the competition, which takes place on March 23. The second competition M/X had to scratch from was the S.U.K.O. and this gives the R.E.'s entry into the semi-final on March 16, when they will meet the winners of Signals V. R.A.O.C. which takes place on Thursday.

TO-NIGHT'S BADMINTON

JUNIOR PLAYERS
SHOULD DO WELL

(By "ADREM")

Two combinations from "B" Division of the Badminton League will provide the attraction in to-night's Colony badminton championships.

Both are from St. John's, favourites for the Junior Badminton League title. First match at King's College will be between H. Eardley and Norman Smith, and J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho. The latter pair have always been prominent in the Senior League, although this is their first appearance together in the championships, while Eardley and Smith, on the few occasions that they have been seen in action, have created a very favourable impression.

JUNIORS SHOULD WIN

Both the latter are extraordinarily hard hitters and, provided Smith does not become overawed by the occasion, I expect the junior players to win.

Similarly, I expect the steady Kwok brothers to prove too good for C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin, although the issue is likely to be carried to the third game.

At Tai-koo, F. Koh and C. Y. Yung, of Chinese "Y" should have little difficulty against H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui of King's.

PROGRAMME

OPEN DOUBLES
J. J. Remedios and L. A. Carvalho v H. Eardley and N. L. Smith.
(King's College, 8.00 p.m.)
C. K. Cheah and T. T. Chin v F. H. Kwok and D. Kwok.
(King's College, 8.45 p.m.)
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui v F. Koh and C. Y. Yung.
(Tai-koo, 8.30 p.m.)

with a score of 77-68.

BOGEY PAIR POOL
The Bogey Pair Pool on the Old Course at Fanning over the week-end was closed owing to heavy rain.

R.A.M.C. ran riot against R.A.S.C. on Tuesday on the occasion of their S. U. Rugby League match. The Service Corps were no match for their fast-moving opponents and went down to the tune of 37 points to nil. Medicals brought Capt. Barclay in at full back, a position which this player filled with credit. Morgan, their regular full back, went into the threes and celebrated the move with a wonderful day's work. He started off with a drop goal and followed up with two tries in quick succession. Both of these emanated from the Coombes-Whybro quarter which has become so dangerous of late. Not content with this he converted his own two tries. Later on he kicked two fine penalty goals given against R.A.S.C. for offside, thus completing a fine day's work with a total score of 19 points. While Morgan was being kept quiet, Minney added two tries, Whybro one try and Wigglesworth, one of their hard-working forwards, one try. Minney converted three of these.

It was really a fine show by the Medicals and their display can be put down to fine team spirit and the fact that they know now to make use of their three-quarters. R.A.S.C. must be sympathised with for meeting this team when they were in such fine form, especially as the Service Corps at present have great difficulty in turning out at full strength. They must be congratulated on their keenness in turning out regularly with the odds against them.

THIS win gives R.A.M.C. the championship and all Units will join me in congratulating them on their fine performance. On the completion of the remaining fixtures it is hoped to arrange a match between the Medicals and a team picked from the best of the other Units concerned in the C.R.C. After the match the Cup will be presented to the winners.

SPORT WITH IT FOUND ON

THERESE NORONHA IN FINE FORM FOR WAHOOS

(By "GRANDSTAND")

WAHOOS ONCE MORE proved their superiority when they trounced Pirates, 9-2, on Sunday at Prince Edward Road ground.

Chief Wahoo Therese Noronha was in great form on the rubber for the green shirted owls. She held Maudie Read's Bucs to three measly hits, struck out three and gave away two passes to the first station. Besides pitching a brilliant game Therese slammed a homer for the only circuit clout of the melee.

Maudie Read, who toed the rubber for Pirates, was going great guns, fanning seven and walking three but seven well placed hits by the Wahoos, aided by four costly Pirate bobbles, served Maudie's downfall.

Wahoos reeled off four runs in the initial frame to take an early lead. Paula Chan worked Maudie Read for a free pass to first; Yvonne Yolle whiffed for the first out. Lena Luongo was safe at first on an error and Jackie Anderson smashed a hit to score Paula Chan. Irene Costilho fanned for the second erasure. Therese Noronha followed with a homer to score. Lena Luongo and Jackie Anderson ahead of her. B.

Abbas went down swinging for the final out of the frame. Wahoos scored one more in the second, two in the fifth, one in the sixth and another in the seventh to clinch the game.

Pirates scored one run in the first inning when Burson crossed the plate on a walk, and a hit by Billie Penson brought her in. In the last canto Mrs. Burson scored again, this time on a double by herself and an error by Paula Chan at the keystone.

R. H. E.
Wahoos 4 10 0 2 1 1—9 7 4
Pirates 1 0 0 0 0 1—2 3 4

In the second game at Prince Edward Road, Wildcats subdued Baby Panthers 13-3. The tilt was featured by more errors than hits, Wildcats booting eight to the Panthers' six.

Led by Lily Mar, who homered, Wildcats

SOFTBALL SCORES AT A GLANCE

		MEN'S	
Ball Club	7	No. 3 M.G.	0
Trojans	7	Filipinos	6
Recreio "B"	16	Forum	4
		GIRLS'	
Wahoos	9	Pirates	2
Wildcats	13	Panthers	3
Recreio	33	Cubs	7
Cardinals forfeited to Canadian Chinese.			

touched Irene Tavares for seven hits, while the Panthers were only able to nick Lily Mar for four bingles. Lily fanned one and walked none. Irene Tavares whiffed four and passed two.

SCORE KNOTTED

The score was knotted 2-2 in the second frame. In the third, Wildcats garnered five runs on five Panther errors and a homer by Lily Mar. Panthers could only reply with three tallies in the sixth, the only inning in which they scored. The untamed felines scored one in the sixth and five more in the seventh to put the game on ice.

May Chung played a brilliant game at the windy alley and batted with a .750 percent average in three times up. For the losers S. Kwong took batting honours with two hits

INTEREST ON WANE

(By "GRANDSTAND")

In the opener of a double header at C.B.A. ground No. 3 M. G. succumbed to the Hong Kong Ball Club, 7-0, for the Emma Gees' twelfth defeat this season with nary a victory.

Led by senior recruit Sammy Izatt the defence boys did very well indeed to hold the Ball Club sluggers to a one figure count and bungled only four chances to Ball Club's one miscue. The khaki lads are improving slowly and they may win a game yet—next season perhaps!

Charlie Manson, the Machine Gunners' one and only hurler, opposed southpaw Frankie Gonzales on the mound and allowed the Leonardmen only three hits while his teammates nipped Frankie for two scratch bingles.

LEONARD'S HOMER

Dave Leonard skyrocketed the ball for a circuit clout which was the only long distance blow of the fray.

In the nightcap the Filipinos, despite fielding a bunch of rookies, gave Trojans some anxious moments before they were nosed out 7-6, the only tilt to furnish some interest and excitement.

The Southern boys were the first to score with three tallies in the first stanza. Dave Amper, Fidel Dellano and Harry Campos romped home on two hits and two walks. Trojans replied with two clouts in the same inning. Filipinos forged ahead with one more run in the second. In the fourth Trojans evened the score 4-4 when Cruz and Barretto dented the plate on two singles and a free ticket to first aided by four Filipino bobbles.

Dave Amper limited the Trojans to three hits but his team-mates let him down with no fewer than 10 miscues. Trojans played steadier ball, committing five errors.

Palma, the Filipino hot corner custodian, distinguished himself with two put outs and two assists without booting the pill.

R. H. E.
Trojans 2 0 0 2 3 0—7 3 5
Filipinos 3 1 0 0 2 0—6 2 10

On the Recreio ground the Junior Rees pounced on the lowly Forum for a 16-4 victory.

Our friend Kenny Wong could not get enough of his men to turn out so he had to borrow three players from the enemy.

Kitchell was on the slab for the Forumers and yielded 10 hits. Jackie Noronha was too good for the vanquished allowing only four bingles.

INTEREST FALLS OFF

The game was played, I presume, as a matter of form to hasten the schedule, because players from both sides showed very little interest in a listless game.

It is a pity to see the League peter out as it does, because it maintained much enthusiasm until two weeks ago.

For the good of the sport, which is comparatively new in Hong Kong, team managers and players should be sporting enough to play off their fixtures in the proper manner.

In the Girls' section of the League a keener interest is shown by the fair sex, and a big hand should be given to the lowly Cubs who are always there in full strength, although they are leading in the League ladder from the wrong end.

In three times to the plate.

R. H. E.
Wildcats 1 1 5 0 0 1 5—13 7 8
Panthers 0 0 0 0 0 3 0—3 4 6

At Recreio the Ramblerettes showed the lowly Cubs no mercy when the Bruins went down to the tune of 33-7.

Even Southpaw twirler Ada "Peewee" Chang, who has just come back from a trip to Honolulu, could not stop the Recreio femmes from staging an old fashioned merry-go-round. The support Ada received from her fielders was a sad welcome indeed to the portside!

A RECORD

In the first inning Ramblerettes opened up with no fewer than 21 runs on eight hits and 18 bobbles by the Cubs fielders. This is a one-inning record which will hold for sometime to come unless the Machine Gunners break it in one of their remaining fixtures this season. This is not very likely, however, because the M.G.'s have improved somewhat lately.

After the first inning, the scorer, Fats Mendonca, got weary or something because he could not keep track of the hits and errors of the marathon. All Mike could do was count the runs as they crossed the plate.

Despite the one-sided score Recreio did not look so convincing on the field. Nena Rebelro was missed behind the plate and although Hilda Soares tried her best behind the bat her efforts were not good enough to stop the Cub base stealers.

The Cubs are only a bunch of school kids and they can take it. They will be there again next time in full strength and whether win or lose they keep their shine up with a smile.

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An Extraordinary General Meeting will take place at 8 p.m. on THURSDAY, 14th March, 1940.

BUSINESS:

To receive from the committee a Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the preceding financial year.

R. R. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on SATURDAY, 23rd and MONDAY, 25th March, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 14th March, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**NOTICE**

The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, on FRIDAY, March 15, 1940, at 6 p.m.

BUSINESS:

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

Election of Officers and Committee And Other Business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1940, to TUESDAY, the 2nd APRIL, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 11th March, 1940.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will close from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th February, 1940.

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SWEDEN TO CONTINUE ASSISTANCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

A communique issued by the Swedish Legation states that Sweden's role in the Soviet-Finnish peace parleys was that of an intermediary, not mediator.

Sweden has not exerted any pressure on Finland, says the official statement, nor has she herself been the subject of any pressure from Germany or any other country.

Finally, Sweden has never interrupted the transport of material to Finland.—Havas.

WILL CONTINUE ASSISTANCE
Paris, To-day.

The Swedish Legation here has issued a statement explaining Sweden's part in the Finnish peace negotiations.

The statement says Sweden did not take the initiative in the negotiations and has strictly maintained the role of intermediary.

On no occasion has Sweden suspended the transport of volunteers and materials to Finland, and they would continue the assistance to Finland which, the statement asserted, was becoming more and more intense.—Reuter.

ONE ITALIAN SHIP AT DOWNS CONTROL STATION

London, To-day.

Only one of the Italian colliers seized by the British contraband control is still in the Downs control. The rest of the detained ships have sailed for Italy.—Reuter.

BOURBON PRINCE'S MISSION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

Prince Rene Bourbon-Parma, of the former French Royal Dynasty of Orleans, stopped here en route to Helsinki, after visiting the main European capitals at the request of Field-Marshal Mannerheim.

In a press interview, the Prince said that the greatest help from Finland so far had come from France, with Britain in second place.

He was accompanied by Prince Waldemark of Denmark.—Havas.

GERMAN FINED

Rudolf Hamburger, 36, of Germany, residing at the Metropole Hotel, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with a breach of the Defence Regulations.

Sergeant Russell told the Court that three letters, not sent through the Post Office, were found in defendant's quarters.

Defendant said he meant to supply a list of his letters and books to the censor, but certain circumstances prevented him of doing so.

Defendant was fined \$20.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has rapidly dispersed leaving an area of moderately high pressure over South China. Depressions are situated over the Gulf of Pechili and the Pacific to the east of Tokyo.

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Shanghai, To-day.

General Chang Shou-chen, pro-Japanese military commander controlling the Yuanwu and Yangwu districts of Honan province, was shot and fatally wounded at the village of Wuhan on March 8 while haranguing a crowd, says the "Sin Wan Pao."

The assassins belonged to the "Special Service Corps" of the Chinese Army, the report states.—Reuter.

Shanghai, To-day.

A campaign will shortly be launched in Chengtu by the New Life Movement Association with a view to raising \$50,000 in public contributions for "The Wounded Soldiers' Friendly Society," says the "Sin Wan Pao."

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